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Business plan call in fight over hall

RESIDENTS fighting to save a closed-down meeting hall in Halesowen have been challenged to draw up a viable business plan by

viable business plan by council bosses. But the group of cam-paigners from Hasbury have been warned they have just weeks to submit their detailed proposal for the for-mer Sons of Rest Building.

The building, on land between Alexandra Road and Wall Well, had been home to Huntingtree Seniors Leisure Centre until it was closed last year by the council.

At a public weeting at The

At a public meeting at The At a public meeting at 1 ne Huntingtree pub on Tuesday, Mohammed Farooq, assistant director of law and governance at Dudley Council, said the council had found no future use for the

He added there had been "significant" interest in the building and land since

April.

He told residents: "The position the council is in now is that it is happy to consider any ideas you have, but they must be in a detailed business plan and with figures." He added: "It would have to be a strong business case.

"We have had a signification."

"We have had a signifi-cant amount of interest, for not just residential uses. The sums of money the local authority are being offered are substantial."

Thugs ruin **230 shelters**

THUGS smashed more than 200 bus shelters in Dudley over the past year.

New figures reveal 230 shelters were targeted in Dudley, at cost of £13,800. Some 928 of the 5,004 shelters in Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley have been tessed in the same of the same of

Walsall and Dudley have been damaged by vandals.

It has cost the taxpayer nearly £60,000 to repair or replace them.

It happened between the end of March 2011 and the beginning of April this year.

Councillor Judy Foster said the vandalism was

the vandalism "appalling".

ELTZ BOSS IS HERO **OF M5 COACH SCARE**

by Andrew Turton

HALESOWEN Town owner Steve Lynch has been hailed a hero after steering the club coach to safety in a motorway accident where two wheels came off the vehicle carrying players, club officials and fans.

Police were called to the accident which happened on the M5 close to J1 at West Bromwich at around 8pm on Saturday as the coach was travelling from an FA Trophy tie. They set up rolling road blocks on the motorway to ensure all the passengers could leave without injury and allow recovery vehicles to tow the coach away.

Dog dies as tumble dryer sparks blaze

A FAMILY pet has died after a tumble dryer caught fire causing a severe house blaze in the Black Country. Father-of-two Steve Howes left the dryer going with a load of washing to go to watch Wolves play Leicester City on Sunday. But he described the shock after receiving

a call at half-time from the emergency ser-vices telling him about the blaze at his home in Meadow Road, Blackheath, near Hale-

in Meadow Road, Blackheath, near Halesowen.

Mr Howes said he dashed home to find fire crews had put out the fire which came from a tumble dryer underneath the stairs. But the 28-year-old said the family's dog, a six-week-old chihuahua called Leah, had become overcome by smoke and died. Flames had licked across the ceiling, scorching paintwork and burning wallpaper.

Windows were smashed as fire crews from Cradley Heath and Oldbury tackled the blaze which started at around 1pm.

Neighbours raised the alarm after smelling smoke coming from the councilowned semi-detached house.

Mr Howes' girlfriend Charlie Thomas, 26, and the two children had not been at home at the time of the accident.

He said: "It was just a shock to get the call. I'm just glad no-one was inside at the time. I just left the dryer going, there was only about 30 minutes to go."

The family paid tribute to neighbours who had raised the alarm and offer help and support following the fire.

ucles to tow the coach away.

Mr Lynch was driving the 51-seater
coach back from their 2-2 FA Trophy Preliminary Round draw at Biggleswade
Town when it skidded towards the hard
shoulder.
Chairman Colin Brookes said the experience was terrifying but said they had all
been very lucky.

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He paid tribute to Mr Lynch, a Staffordshire businessman who took over the club last year, for saving their lives.

He said: "Everyone was saying Steve had saved our lives.

"He's so unassuming though, he said he always had it under control."

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Mr Brookes said the coach was on its journey home when the accident happened.

Terrifying

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"It was terrifying. We were coming back near West Bromwich and Oldbury and everyone was laughing and joking when you heard an almighty bang.

"You could see Steve and he was fighting with it and we were being dragged to the hard shoulder.

"Some of the players then looked out of the window and said 'they're our wheels' and they were bouncing down the motorway.

"After about 200 or 300 yards we were right up against the wall and we'd stopped," he said.

"The police were there in minutes and we weren't far from home so all the players phoned their families.

"When we got to the next junction there were the wheels, resting peacefully in the hard shoulder about 100 yards apart.

"The police were saying if it was the outside wheels then they would have been dealing with a serious incident. We're very lucky.

Halesowen Town beat Biggleswade

Halesowen Town beat Biggleswade Town 4-1 in the FA Trophy Preliminary Round replay at the Grove stadium on Tuesday night.

Families flying in first fun run





Jessamy Kinghorn and daughter Amelia



The first ever Halesowen 5K Fun Run gets under way in the town centre

MORE than 400 runners took to the streets to raise money for charity in the first ever Halesowen fun run.

Dozens of families were among those who took part in the race through the town at the weekend. Local Olympic and Paralympic stars turned out to greet them and award

medals.
Team GB stars Kristian Thomas, who trains at Earls Gymnastics Club, and Jess Varnish were joined by Paralympians Jor-

danne Whiley and Helen Scott along torch bearer Lyndon Flavell. Jess and Helen are both members of Halesowen Cycling Club.

The charity 5k race was the brainchild of Rotarian Alan Bowler of Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club. Organisers said they were delighted with the turnout.

Alex Rainsden, aged 16, had the honour of being the first runner home.

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Hope of new site to home Heathens

DUDLEY Heathens have been offered a possible new site to build its long-awaited stadium.

Club officials have been approached by a landowner who highlighted the site as somewhere the speedway track could be built.

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track could be built.
Heathens chairman Nigel
Pearson has declined to
reveal the location apart
from saying it was within a
12 mile radius of their former Cradley home.
But he welcomed the
approach by the as yet
unnamed landowner and
said the club was exploring
the land offer.

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"All we are doing at the moment is pushing forward with the plans. It is slow progress but we are pleased with the way it going so far," said Mr Pearson.
"It is piece of land that has been identified to us by a landowner and we are looking into it."

Dudley Heathens have held race meetings at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green stadium and in Birm.

Green stadium and in Birm-Green stadium and in Birm-ingham. Supporters have always dreamed of a return to the track in Dudley and preferably close to their orig-inal Dudley Wood Stadium.

Driver faces two charges

A COACH driver from Great Barr is facing two charges of causing death by dangerous driving following a crash on the M5.

the M5.

The charges relate to a smash on March 24 when a lorry collided with the back of a coach between junctions three for Halesowen and four for Lydiate Ash.

The coach was carrying.

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The coach was carrying more than 40 workers to a fruit farm in Evesham when the smash happened in dense fog at about 6.30am.

A 50-year-old driver from Great Barr was charged on Tuesday. He will appear before Birmingham Magistrates Court on October 2. The crash claimed the lives of Liaquat Ali, 35, of Trafalgar Road, Smethwick, and 65-year-old, William Mapstone, of Wells in Somerset.

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Watchdog enters Hippodrome fight

ENGLISH Heritage has demanded council chiefs prove there is no "viable use" for the historic Dudley Hippodrome before it is knocked down – as they throw their weight behind a campaign to save it.

Dudley Council wants to demolish the former theatre-turned bingo hall in Castle Hill and replace it with a 120-space car park. But English Heritage has slammed the plans, which it says would "neither pre-

serve nor enhance the character or appearance" of Dudley town centre. Campaigners have drawn up a business plan for the future of the site, which is currently being read by council chiefs.

Inspector of ancient monuments Ian George called on the authority to justify knocking the building down.

uown.
Mr George said the building is an "important landmark" for visitors

journeying into and out of the town.

He added: "In our view the use of the site as a car park would not deliver such benefits particularly bearing in mind the availability of other sites in the near vicinity.

"If the council were seeking to justify the demolition of the building it would, in our view, be necessary to demonstrate that appropriate marketing had been carried out and that no viable use for the building had

podrome are hoping to stop the dem-olition after submitting a proposal of their own for the building. Councillor Shaukat Ali has said

Councillor Snaukat Ali nas saud the demolition application will not impact on discussions with the cam-paigners over the building's future. The council has said it would pre-fer a new "leisure building" to take its place and last week revealed artist's impressions.

Olympic stars turn out to town's first fun run

greeted throngs of runners and handed out medals for Halesowen's first road race.

Around 450 runners, including dozens of families, took to the start line for the inaugural fun run through the

Father, 22, is warned to grow up by magistrate

MAGISTRATES told a 22year-old father to grow up and stop behaving like a

Luke Smith, of Chichester Avenue, Netherton, admit-ted damaging a bedroom cupboard door at the home of Emma Morgan and caus-ing £350 damage to a cus-tody cell door at Brierley Hill police station police station.

police station.

Dudley magistrates told him to do a 21-day activity course focusing upon issues like power and control and non-abusive behaviour.

He was also put under the supervision of the probation supervision of the probation service for 12 months and ordered to pay £75 compen-sation for the damage to the cupboard and £350 for the cell door, as well as £85 costs. Presiding magistrate Bar-bara Sykes told him: "You peed to act your are and

bara Sykes told him: "You need to act your age and grow up. You are the father of a child and you are behaving like a hooligan."

Mrs Suki Rai, prosecuting, said police were called to Emma Morgan's home in Duncan Edwards Close, Dudley, on June 20. Officers found a hole in a bedroom cupboard, which he admitted he had punched.

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, for

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, for Smith, said his client accepted he had temper problems.

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and Helen Scott at the event at the weekend along with torch bearer Lyndon Flavell. The charity 5k race was the brainchild of Rotarian Alan Bowler of Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club. Organisers said they were delighted with the turnout turnout.

Runners were introduced Runners were introduced to the famous Midland Olympic and Paralympic athletes by Mr Bowler before the race was started by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

Medals

The athletes then helped give out medals to runners as they crossed the line. Cyclist Jess Varnish, who is a member of Halesowen Cycling Club with Helen Scott, said she enjoyed the

day.

"It is incredible being able to see people take part. The Olympics really have inspired a generation," the 21-year-old said.

Bronze medallist Krist-ian, who trains at Earls Gymnastics Club, Hale-sowen, said he was over-whelmed by the public reaction.

"You saw what it was like for the Olympics and Para-lympics and it has been lympics and it has been absolutely amazing to see the support we have had and to see everyone down here is great," said the 23-year-old, of Wolverhampton Hero - Page 5

Bottom, Jess Varnish, Jordanne Whiley, Helen Scott, with Kristian Thomas, mayor and mayoress Melvyn and Michelle Mottram and Lyndon Flavell

Archives centre to be ready next year

THE new £6 million archives centre in Dudley will be completed next July – as the town's revamp takes a step forward.

a step forward.

Work is ploughing ahead
on the site next to the Black
Country Living Museum in
Tipton Road, Dudley.

Dudley Council's archives
service will relocate from its
building in Coseley and
when the new one opens it
will also be used to store documents for neighbouring. uments for neighbouring Sandwell Council.

Sandwell Council.

Hoardings around the building site have been decorated with old pictures and now visitors can keep an eye on how work is going.

The centre is expected to open next summer and will

open next summer and will provide IT and public Wi-fi provide IT and public Wifiservices, education and conference rooms, a hi-tech conservation studio, a rare books library and research area a well equipped search room and free parking.

The centre is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, as part of their funding for the redevelopment of

rund, as part of their rund-ing for the redevelopment of the Castle Hill area of Dud-ley. Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "We look for-ward to the service moving into the new centre."

Homemade food show

HOMEMADE food and drink will be showcased alongside a range of crafts at a show in Halesowen this month.

month.

The Laurels Club, in Windmill Hill, Cradley, is hosting its first craft and produce event on September 29.

The exhibition opens at The exhibition opens at 1pm. Cakes, wines and preserves will be on display alongside flower arrangements, paintings and other crafts.

Entry forms are available on 0121 602 1812 or can be found at www.the-laurels.webeden.co.uk

Inquest verdict

A HALESOWEN woman

A HALESOWEN woman died in hospital days after falling from her bed, an inquest heard. The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death, contributed to by natural causes on Kathleen Stevenson, aged 82, of Chatsworth Road, who died at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

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Injured horse is dumped

A HORSE suffering from severe head injuries was abandoned in a field and later died.

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The female piebald col-collapsed within hours of being found and vets were unable to save her, RSPCA officials said.

She was found in a field in Ismere, between Kiddermin-

Ismere, between Kiddermin-ster and Stourbridge, stag-

ster and Stourbridge, staggering and soaking wet with a bleeding gash to the head. The RSPCA was alerted by a caller who told them the horse was unable to support herself and was leaning against a stable door.

When an inspector contacted the caller, the cob had collapsed. A vet was called to administer emergency treatment. It was found the horse, believed to be around two-years-old, had severe neurological damage which could not be treated.

An investigation has now

not be treated.

An investigation has now been launched to find the owners. RSPCA officials said they believed it was most likely the animal had been dumped in the field.

In spector Rachel Hayward said: "I am completely shocked someone would be so callous and cowardly to dump a sick horse to die in a field. It was clear the horse required urgent veterihorse required urgent veteri-nary attention."

Award for pharmacist

A PHARMACIST in Dudley has won a top award for her work with neurology patients.
Dr Janine Barnes, a neu-

Dr Janine Barnes, a neurology specialist pharmacist, is the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Clinical Pharmacist of the Year.

The award was given for her work setting up a clinic for neurology patients, in particular those with Parkinson's disease, in Dudley

The clinic means patients are now reviewed more reg-ularly and closer to home, without the need for a regular hospital appoint-ment.

Grant for centre

A STOURBRIDGE advice and counselling centre is battling back from financial difficulties after securing more funding.

The What Centre faced an

uncertain future after Dudley Council withdrew a £47,000 annual grant two years ago. But the centre, in Coventry Street, has received a £1,234 grant.

Builder seeks to allay residents'

A HOUSEBUILDER behind a controversial 175 home development in a village has hit back over concerns from residents. Cala Homes says there have been "mis-

conceptions" about its scheme for the new homes to be built in Hagley, near Stour-

bridge.

Regional managing director Darren Humphreys said the region was facing a major housing shortage which council officials wanted to address.

He said the firm would spend around £1.7million to pay for improvements to roads and boost education in the village to cope with the influx of new residents.

Mr Humphreys said: "We believe that this development provides significant benefits for Hagley and it is essential that schemes such as this go ahead in order to meet the

future housing needs of local people."

He added: "We have listened to those con-He added: "We have listened to those con-cerns and are keen to put their minds at rest. We are facing a major housing shortage." The site is part of the 350-acre Hagley Hall estate and is bordered by the A456 Kidder-minster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road

Cala Homes say Bromsgrove District Council's own assessment identified the need for between 6,800 and 7,000 new

houses over the next 18 years. Residents, who held a meeting last week to air their views on the plans, say nearby routes includ-ing Kidderminster Road were already choked by traffic, without new commuters coming to live in the area.

coming to live in the area.

But Mr Humphreys said Cala will spend £1m on improvement works, adding: "The new development will increase traffic at peak times by less than one per cent.

"This work will improve the traffic flow so that peak period queues are reduced. Without the development, this improvement work will not go ahead.

"There simply aren't the funds available."

phased development over four to five years so the increase in new residents will begradual. As such, we do not expect the impact on the admissions for each school year to be sig-

Both Hagley Primary School and Hay-bridge High School currently take pupils out of the catchment area."

Around 40 per cent of the properties will

be affordable homes. The site will also provide 263 jobs during construction and the potential to provide at least 50 jobs in new offices being built.

boating

bonanza

COLOURFUL narrowboats

COLOURFUL narrowboats and huge working boats filled the Dudley waterways for the return of a popular festival. Around 10,000 descended on Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Netherton, for the 27th Black Country Boating Feetival pour the weekend

'It is like coming home

"It is like coming home," said Mr Edge who lives in Rugeley. "I used to live with a canal at the bottom of my street. It is not just the boats it is the way of life and traditions that really fascinate me."

me."
Fellow waterways couple,
Malcolm and Stephanie
Gray-Smart, had dressing in
traditional Victorian outfits.

traditional Victorian outnits.
The narrowboat owners,
from Market Drayton,
decided to attend the event
rather then bring their own
boat Elisha this year.
Mr Gray-Smart, aged 69,
said: "There is always a good
atmosphere."

atmosphere

Have a say over housing service

RESIDENTS in Dudley can attend a conference to have a say in how housing services in the borough

services in the borough are run.

The event, supported by Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations, takes place at Brierley Hill Civic Centre on September 22 from 9am to 1pm.

It will focus on how tenants and residents can have a greater say in

have a greater say in shaping the service. To book a place call 01384 815168 or email participation@dudley.gov.uk.

Student reaches final of contest

A HALESOWEN College student is celebrating after reaching the final of a reflexology contest. Katrina Benn is vying for the Worldskills UK Reflexology Competition title. She will go forward to the final at Birmingham's NEC in November. NEC in November.

NEC in November."
Katrina, from Netherton, Dudley, had to carry out a consultation, a health and safety check and a reflexology treatment. She has completed her BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Theranics

Mammoth ride is a real fundraiser

A real fundraiser
A COUPLE raised more
than £2,000 for charity
through a mammoth cycle
ride along the length of
Britain.

John and Kaye Bonnett
pedalled from Lands End
to John O'Groats in July.
The Stourbridge pair
had set a target to raise
£1,000 for Mary Stevens
Hospice from the challenge, but ended up with
£2,080.

27th Black Country Boating Festival over the weekend. The crowds who turned out to get a closer look at the boats were also entertained. Around 100 narrowboats were bought along the Dudley No2 Canal which serves the nature reserve. Husband and wife serves the nature reserve.
Husband and wife
Malcolm and Dawn Edge,
aged 61 and 41 respectively,
had bought their 71ft long
working boat to the festival.
Mr Edge, known to friends
in the canal community as
Blossom, said it was their
seventh time at the event.
"It is like coming home"

Search for moths and bats at site

A SEARCH for moths and bats will take place at a Dudley nature reserve.

Dudley nature reserve.
People are invited to
Bumble Hole Nature
Reserve, Netherton, for
the event from 6.45pm on
September 20. Traps will
be placed to catch moths
and there will be a guided
tour of the reserve.
Tickets are £3 and available by calling 01384
814100.

Homes planned

HOMES could be built on the site of a 226-year-old former reservoir in Kid-derminster.

Fourteen houses are planned for the old Severn Trent reservoir, Sutton Park Road.

Campaigners start battle to cut traffic speeds on road

traffic on a Sedgley road after claiming motorists drive at up to 80mph. They have pressed Dudley Council officers to hold an investigation into safety on Sandyfields Road.

The council say officials would survey the route between Sedgley and Gornal to identify any existing problems with excessive speed. Residents and ward councillors claim

motorists speed along the road, especially close to the entrance of Sedgley Golf speeds, then a full consulta-Concerns were raised as

Concerns were raised as the road is often busy with visitors heading to Bag-geridge Country Park and children going to nearby Cotwall End Primary School.

Gornal ward councillor Dave Branwood said the issue had first been raised

issue had first been raised with him during canvassing for the May elections.

He claims the problem is worst at night, with residents reporting motorbikes racing at speeds of 70 to 80mph.

"We wanted an investigation into what can be done to put an end to dangerous.

put an end to dangerous driving along this stretch of road," he said.

speeds, then a full consulta-tion exercise would take place to gain residents'

ews. Councillor Branwood added the consultation would take place before any new measures to calm the speeds were introduced.

speeds were introduced.
Resident John Powell,
who lives near the golf
course, has written to the
council demanding action
over the speed vehicles are
reaching on the roads.
He said: "The speed of
traffic on this road is a constant and serious threat to

stant and serious threat to the lives and safety of all of the residents.
"Outside my house, regu-

"Outside my house, regularly, I see cars overtaking others in situations that I would not attempt on a motorway, never mind an urban road."







Visitors pack the towpaths along the Dudley No 2 Canal for the boating festival

A jury cleared him of the first allegation but found him guilty of the second. The court was told less than six months earlier Soldiew had been given a suspended jail term for an earlier breach. Recorder Andrew Easteal warned him a jail term was likely before adjourning the case.









BEST OF PETER

OFF to our local food festival when the park was OFF to our local food festival when the park was stuffed with stalls selling food to people who are already quite well enough stuffed with food. This obesity "epidemic" gets worse by the day. There are people wandering the streets now who, only a few decades ago, would have been attractions in a travelling circus. The cops were doing the community-policing thing, patrolling the food festival, wandering amiably between the hog roasts and Caribbean cuisine stalls. In a sane world they would be standing at the gates and acting as bouncers to protect the larat the gates and acting as bouncers to protect the lar-darses from their own appetites: "Move along, sir.

You've had enough."

IT IS a well-known fact that a dropped piece of toast always lands butter-side down. A similar law of nature seems to apply to expanding foam, as used by builders to fill embarrassing gaps around door and window frames. A friend bought around door and window traines. A triend bought a monster-sized aerosol of this unbelievably sticky stuff and managed to knock it off his table. It landed squarely on the press-button and a great squirt of foam shot across the kitchen, expanding as it went. This is one of those stories that is always much funnier when it happens to other

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THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, says the job is too big for one person. He suggests creating a "presidential" role for someone to share the duties. I suspect he has made the fatal to share the duties. I suspect he has made the tatal error of so many dedicated people, of throwing far too much time at a job. Some folk immerse themselves body and soul in a frenetic 24/7 commitment to the job. Others breeze through it, finding time for golf, the family and plenty of good lunches. If there is a golden rule of employment, it is that the hours you put in are nowhere near as important as what you put into the hours.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Petition aiming to get ban on fishing removed

ered on a petition to get a two-year ban on fishing to be lifted at a Halesowen beauty spot.

Angling was prohibited when community groups claimed two ducks died at The Leasowes, Halesowen after getting

wo ducks died at The Leasowes, Halesowen after getting caught up in fishing lines. There were also claims that vegetation was being ruined. But anglers, led by Paul Thomas, are taking a stance against the ban. He says responsible anglers who have used the park's pool for decades are being punished unfairly. The petition will be submitted to Dudley Council. Meanwhile, Mr Thomas is

Meanwhile, Mr Thomas is gathering evidence which he says proves fishing is not damaging the site.

Retired teacher Mr Thomas, aged 64, has fished at the Leasowes for 30 years and says the council has not provided bim with adequate

provided him with adequate

who have been fishing for years are now having to travel to Birmingham, Himley or Fens Pool in Brierley Hill when they haven't done anything

A HALESOWEN family is moggie was poisoned by anti-freeze - the fourth to die in their street in a nonth

Jennifer Robinson, aged 36, of Hurst Green decided to put down her 16-monthold cat Biscuit after his kidneys failed.

Mrs Robinson, a legal sec-retary, believes her cat and three others died as a result

provided him with adequate reasons for the ban.

He is now calling on the council's recently elected Labour administration to support him, after attempts to get previous Conservative councillors on his side failed.

Mr Thomas, of Chestnut Road, Oldbury, said: "The situation is crazy, People who have been fishing for years are now having to three others dued as a result of irresponsible car owners, or deliberate poisoning. She said: "We're con-cerned someone is leaving the anti-freeze out for the cats to drink and then die."

Mrs Robinson found her cat unwell. His kidneys had failed and she now has a vet's bill of almost £1,000.

wrong. Councillor Tracy Wood, Halesowen police said: "Anyone caught poisoning the cats can be convicted." said: "We will be considering our options following the current suspension."

Lora delight over gem of a deal



Designer Lora Leedham, aged 26, will have her jewellery sold in John Lewis

A JEWELLERY designer is enjoying a gem of a deal after bosses at John Lewis decided to sell her products in their Solihull branch.
Lora Leedham, aged

26, from Halesowen, whose workshop is in the Jewellery Quarter, said she was thrilled to see her products for sale at the department store. The former Tividale High School pupil has

four of her jewellery ranges on sale in the store, and they will also be sold at the new Birmingham store due to open

ingham store due to open in 2014.

Miss Leedham, of Halesowen Road, set up her business, Jewellery by Lora Leedham, after receiving a grant from the Prince's Trust in 2006. She sells through her website and makes

she said: "It was won-derful to see my jew-ellery on display in John

see them in the new Birmingham store."

Land on offer for hospital

Joe Breeze suggests health chiefs buy two acres of his land for an overspill car park

and for all overspill car park at the hospital.

But Dudley Group NHS
Foundation Trust, says the hospital will not buy the land because Dudley Council would reject any plans for parking there.

Naichbourg of the hospital

would reject any plans for parking there.

Neighbours of the hospital have long complained about patients and staff leaving their cars in their streets.

Mr Breeze, aged 64, originally from Pensnett, said:
"The land is right opposite the entrance to the hospital in Pensnett Road and is only being used for grazing of ponies. It seems stupid to me that the hospital has spent £6 million on a multi-storey car park which is still insufficient and people are parking in front of homes, when there is land available so close.

Paula Clark, chief execution of the parking in the contraction of the contract

Paula Clark, chief execu-tive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, confirmed a representative of Mr Breeze contacted the Trust about making use of land he owns.

Group meeting

THE Friends of Hunt-ingtree Park, Halesowen will hold their AGM in the park's healthy hub building on October 12 from 6.30pm. For further details, vi www.dudley.gov.uk/parks.

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Too early to make call over block

TRANSPORT bosses at Dudley Council say it is still too early to tell if a road block trial is stopping a motorists' rat-run through an estate.

The council has introduced the part-closure of Blackacre Road.

This was following discussions.

This was following discussions with locals and police.

The scheme is an attempt

The scheme is an attempt to stop hundreds of commuters using the road to get from the B4171 to the Dudley Southern Bypass every day.

But following the introduction, residents of side roads off Blackacre Road called for a rethink, complaining the rat-run was now going past their homes. Councillor Judy Foster, said it was still too early to decide on the trial.

said it was still too early to decide on the trial. She said: "We are continuing with the experimental order for the next few months to establish a clear idea of its effectiveness in tackling rat-running along Blackacre Road.
"The order has been in place for less than three months, and it would be premature to look at its effectiveness at this stage. We will continue to work with the community on a suitable way of solving the issues." way of solving the issues.

Park fitness

FITNESS classes are being run in four Dudley parks. They will run at Silver Jubilee, Coseley, Netherton Park, Huntingtree Park, Halesowen, and Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge. Visit www. dudleyhealthy-towns.co.uk.

Kristian returns to school and enjoys hero's welcome

OLYMPIC star Kristian Thomas went back to school to a hero's welcome as he handed out prizes and gave a rousing speech to pupils.
The 23-year-old bronze medallist returned to St Edmund's Roman Catholic School, Compton as a star guest following his success

Boozing and

babies alert

A NEW campaign has been launched in Dudley warning pregnant women of the harm drinking during pregnancy can have on their unborn child. The "When you drink, I drink too" cam-

paign is being launched by Safe & Sound, Dudley's community safety partnership. It urges women to avoid drinking alto-

gether during pregnancy and when trying to conceive to avoid the risk of their child developing a Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Health chiefs say alcohol can cause

birth defects, behavioural problems, learning difficulties and growth deficien-

cues.
Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet
member responsible for community
safety, said: "All parents want the best for
their children, and when they are expect-

ing the arrival of a new born, their prime concern is that the baby is healthy. "Yet for the sake of a drink, all the hopes we might have for our children

could be undermined by the effects of an FASD."

birth defects.

Kristian, from Wednesfield, whose breathtaking floor exercise secured the first GB gymnastics team medal for a century, said: "It was a weird experience. Six years ago I was in exactly the same situation they were executed I was sitting there listening to Beverly

"It still seems strange to have reversed my "It still seems strange to have reversed my role so quickly I just wanted to get across the message that everybody has some sort of talent. Luckily I developed mine at an early age through sport.

"But whatever you are good at, anything is possible so long as you work hard, make sacrifices and dedicate yourself to making that dream come true."

Kristian has just returned from a 10-day supships obliday in Crupus with religious

sunshine holiday in Cyprus with girlfriend Gemma Reid. And he was quickly reminded of his new star status.

Restaurant

He said: "We went into Nando's restaurant in Bentley Bridge and the staff wanted to pose for a picture with me. Then they gave us a free meal. It was great."

Kristian, who left school with 10 GCSEs and one A level, added: "My life has changed out of all perspective and so far only good things have happened.

"It is nich beging records come up to con-

things have happened.

"It is nice having people come up to congratulate you. But you are aware that you have to be a bit more careful of what you do when you are in the public eye."

He aimed to return to the gym for the first time since finishing competing in the Games. He said: "I have been away for around a month which is the longest I have ever missed training. ever missed training.
"Normally it is no more than a week and

so I have got to get back and work hard to catch up."



Kristian Thomas presents awards to pupils with 14-year-old gymnast Mia De Bechi, Headteacher Deirdre Finucane and his former teacher Julie Cartlidge at St Edmund's

in brief

Car parking plan is gathering pace

Is gathering pace
PLANS for a new car park
in Gornal are gaining pace
with talks to work out
details of the long-awaited
scheme due to begin.

A feasibility study is
already being carried out
by Dudley Council to look
at creating spaces on land
off Abbey Street which is
"progressing well"
according to a councillor.
Talks to iron out details
of the scheme are to take
place to carry the proposal
forward if the findings of
the study are favourable.
Plans for a car park in
the village have been on
the drawing board for
more than 20 years.

MP joins push to make Web safer

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has joined a group of concerned MPs deliver-ing a petition to Downing Street.

The petition, promoted by campaign website Safety Net, is designed to Safety Net, is designed to tackle the concerns many families have over the volume of unsuitable online material easily accessed by their children. It has been signed by more than 100,000 people across the country.

Run for charity

STAFF at a Black Country training company aim to raise more than £1,000 for Cancer Research in a Race Canter Research in a Race for Life event. Eight women from Black Country Train-ing Group(BCTG), Taylors Lane, Oldbury will do the 5km run on September 23 at Himley Park.

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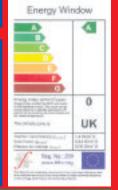
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Scared traders call for cameras to stem crime

FRIGHTENED traders in Coseley are calling for CCTV cameras to be installed in their area after two armed robberies and a burglary in the past two weeks.

A pub landlord said Roseville was becoming like the wild west and nearby shopkeep-

ing like the wild west and nearby shopkeepers say security needs to be stepped up to prevent any more incidents.

Two masked men armed with hammers and axes threatened staff at the Spar, Castle Street, Roseville village, at about 8.40pm on September 11.

They stole the till and cigarettes.
On September 5 hammer-wielding robbers struck at the Coseley Post Office, opposite the Spar, stealing a cash box. And raiders snatched the safe at Greggs bakery, a few shops away, between August 31 and September 1.

a few shops away, between August 31 and September 1.
Del Bunce, aged 46, who owns Equal Partners hairdressers, said he found his shop's locks had been filled in with a gooey substance when he arrived for work on Septemet 4. "It's frightening," said Mr Bunce. "We've asked for CCTV in the street and more patrols but it's fallen on deaf ears – the police say we don't have enough trouble here.."

here..."
"It's like the Gunfight at the OK Corral
here at the moment," said John Allen, aged
67, leaseholder of The Royal pub in
Royal pub in Royal pub in
"The local pairbhourhood policing team will "The local neighbourhood policing team will be working with local traders to address any

£2,300 from Jubilee walk

A DUDLEY councillor's 100-mile 'Jubilee Walk' has raised £2,300.
Councillor Steve Waltho, who represents St. Thomas's ward in Dudely, walked through London and Surrey, ending at Windsor in June.
Action Heart, Leukaemia Care, the West Midlands Lupus Group, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Mayor of Dudley's charity will all benefit.

Couple's cider house rules



A DUDLEY pub has earned a prestigious award for traditional cider.

cider.

The Court House, New Street, has been presented with the bronze award in the Camra/Apple West Midlands Cider Pub of the Year Competition, an annual event open to pubs from Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The presentation last week coincided with the regional launch of the Camra Good Beer Guide, and the

pub's own beer festival. West Midlands regional cider cowest Midnats regional cader co-ordinator Sally Lavender praised the range and quality of traditional ciders available at the pub and the customer service demonstrated by Dawn and Mick O'Neill and their



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Town has a lot to look forwa

IWRITE in response to the letter which criticised Dudley Council in relation to litter and weed control in Dudley town centre and also asked how new businesses would be attracted to the town. Dudley Council employs a team of dedicated street cleaners who work every day to remove litter and empty litter bins.

The team takes great pride in its work and has been recognised at antional level.

However, work is, of course, ongoing and we all need to take responsibility to help keep our streets free of litter by reporting litter dropping. This year's

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The Paralympics have

their countries and doing server represent.

I wonder if it would now be possible for us all, in our everyday lives, to display that same attitude instead of running us down all the time. If we each gave 100 per cent, what a difference we could really make.

LEN HALES, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath

Apology for cutting short TV

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the final fireworks display.

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lessons of Sydney for buildings

I WAS appalled to read that Dudley Council would even consider demolishing such an impressing edifice as the Dudley Hippodrome.

Surely there must be eco-nomic alternatives avail-

able?

Here in Sydney, we faced similar threats to historic sites way back in the 1980s, but luckily common sense and community outrage prevailed.

The preserved buildings now form the centrepiece of the historic Rocks area: one of Sydney's main tourist attractions.

Does Dudley really have so many interesting struc-tures that it can afford to demolish one of the best?

I think not.
JIM PARKES Ethel Street

Sydney (formerly of Upper Gornal)

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changed perception

HAVING had a disability from an early age and suffering the insults of so-called able-bodied people for so many years, it has been a real pleasure to see the outstanding performances of people, who not many years ago, would have been written off as of no use to society, together with the support of the crowds witnessing these performances.

It is pleasing to see the change of attitude towards disability and I can only hope this stays with us for many years. For far too long, people with disabilities have had to prove themselves better than their able-bodied counterparts in order merely to be their equals.

themselves better than the order merely to be their equals.

I am sure that these competitors have not only competed for their own glory, but also for the privilege of representing their countries and doing their best for the countries they

watching

the first half hour of the ceremony showed.
You were all brilliant, whether you came first, second or last in your event.
You gave your all, and noone can ask more.
So what were the heaps of junk that were perambulated around the arena supposed to represent? They did not reflect on what had gone before during the last two weeks. Because our TV was switched off, we missed



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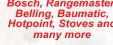
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Crash tragedy son was 'hard worker and funny'

THE family of a Dudley man who was killed in a car crash in Tipton have paid tribute to their funny, hardworking and smiling son and grandson.

Ahlack Rahman, aged 19, from Dudley died at Queen Elizabeth Hospi-tal after being flung out of the blue Vauxhall Corsa, which crashed in Dudley Port Road last week

Dudley Port Road last week.

The tribute cames as the inquest into his death was being opened at Smethwick coroner's family said in a statement: "His tragic death has devastated Ahlack's grandfather and father as well as his extensive family and friends who will remember him as a funny, hardworking young man who was full of life and loved spending time with his family and friends.

and loved spending time with his family and friends.
"Attending the local gym and the cinema were amongst a few of his favourite past times with his friends who described him as "The Best". He was always smiling and got on well with everyone who he met, we all enjoyed a day out on Sunday to the Clent Hills as it was a nice day. All the people at The Buffery will miss him, he will never be forgotten, he has left a big empty space in a lot of people's lives."

Mr Rahman who was a former pupil of Castle High School, Dudley, was one of six teenagers believed to have been in a car which struck a lamp post.

which struck a lamp post.

Lupus group meeting date

AN information day by the West Midlands Lupus Group will be held at the Copthorne Hotel in Merry Hill, Dudley, on October 13,

from 1-5pm.

Speakers will include Professor Caroline Gordon, of the Lupus UK Centre of Excel-

Gardeners start scheme



On the initiative are Growing Opportunities staff and students with, front from left, lead officer for therapeutic horticulture and learning Richard Billingsley and development manager for health and well-being Laura Davis

Billingsley and development manager for health and well-being Laura Davis
KEEN gardeners have begun a twoyear project to transform an eyesore
into a £183,000 allotment.

The extension of Barlow Road
allotments in Wednesbury will
include breathing new life into an
abandoned part of the site, which has
been hit by fly-tippers.

Smethwick charity ideal for All. into a £183,000 allotment.

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£200,000 expansion of brewery is hit by delay

Swapping boots for bats



Left to right, Gordon O'Reilly and Richard Sharkey at Smethwick Cricket and Athletics Club, where they are holding a charity cricket match

Football teams at Smethwick
Football teams at Smethwick
Liplands will swap sports for the day and compete against each other in the charity match on Saturday. weekend.
Football teams at Smethwick
Cricket Club's ground at The
Uplands will swap sports for the day
and compete against each other in
the charity match on Saturday.
Broomfield FC and O' Reilly's FC
will show off their skills as cricketers

an open day on Sunday around noon Admission is free and cash raised will go to the cricket club.

brewery has been delayed until next month and production will not begin until early in 2013, bosses have said.

Not begin until early in 2013, bosses have said.

Holden's Brewery was given the go-ahead to build a three-storey extension at its premises in George Street, Woodsetton, in July, It will allow production to be stepped up from 50,000 to 75,000 pints per week and will include a 70,000 pint storage tank and two fermenting vessels.

Bosses had planned to start work soon after being granted permission with the expanded site up-and-running by next month or November.

But they have announced building work would not begin until October 1 with the scheme scheduled for completion in late December. Production at the expansion will then begin early in the New Year. The existing site will remain open while the building work takes place.

Bosses said the delay had stemmed from the scheme being changed from a two-storey to a three-storey development.

Managing director Jonothan Holden said: "Although the council gave us permission for the three-storey extension we have had to complete other regulatory work to accommodate the change.

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"This has caused a slight delay but every-thing is now on target and work on the extension will begin at the start of October. Production will begin very early next year and we are looking forward to getting started."

Cashing in on tribute act

JOHNNY Cash fans can enjoy an evening of his music at Kidderminster Town Hall.

Clive Johns will be performing a tribute to the legendary singer-songwriter, who is known for favourites such Ring of Fire, Walk the Line and A Boy Named Sue.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow is on September 29 at 7.30pm. Call 01562 732158 or see www.cliveiohn.com

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Developer given nod over changes

A DEVELOPER has been given permission to alter the type of some houses being constructed in a Black Country village. David Wilson Homes Mercia wants permission to change the design of two houses.

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The builder wants to substitute plans for two detached four bedroom homes with two semi-detached three bedroom homes facing Holloway Street, in Lower Gornal.

They also want two semi-detached three bedroom properties to be replaced by detached a three bedroom house with windows to both the front and side.

Members of Dudley Council's development control committee have approved the changes.

Antenna plan for block approved

PLANS to replace three telecommunications antennas on a Black Country apartment block have been approved as there were no objections. Telefonica UK will replace existing equipment on St Andrews House, in Ambleoote High Street, with three new antennas which can be used jointly by themselves and Vodafone.

Cholesterol test

FREE cholesterol tests are being offered at the pharmacy at Sainsbury's in the Merry Hill centre, Dudley until September 25. To book call 01384 480887.

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'Turmoil' blamed for shock losure of two town shops

TWO Stourbridge shops are set to close amid warnings that they will not be the last victims of the "turmoil" of building work in the town and the knock-on effects of the recession. The Harvest Moon gift shop in Victoria Passage, which has been open for more than 15

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of many factors – Irist a double recession fol-lowed by the turmoil of several develop-ments in the town.

"These are the bus station's relocation and re-build, the Stourbridge College of Art being moved to Merry Hill, demolition of the multi storey car park and Crown Centre.

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"This has had a huge effect on footfall in the town and, with high rents on private properties, logic predicts more shops will close"

Laura Davies, owner of Polka Dot Para-

Laura Davies, owner of rolka Dot Fara-dise, has decided to refocus the business upon sales on the internet. She said: "It's very sad – everybody trad-ing in the town is suffering. "The car park went, trade has dropped, there's dust and most of the ring road is

there's dust and most of the Fing road is messed up.

Dudley Councillor Shaukat Ali, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Inevitably, during any large scale regeneration works, there will be some disruption, and while we try to keep this to a minimum, we ask people to bear with us because the end results will be beneficial to everyone."

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shop in Victoria Passage, which has been open for more than 15 years will trade for the last time on September 28. Council figure death of the corner of Market Street and High Street is closing on September 29, with the loss of two jobs, although it will continue to trade on the internet. Both blame a dive in takings partly on the \$50\$ million redevelopment of the Crown Centre, which includes the demolition of the Bell Street multi storey car park to pave the way for a new Tesco's. Chris Armfield, whose fiancee runs Harvest Moon, said: "The demise of Stouriest years and the standard of the corner of the crown of the Bell Street multi storey car park to pave the way for a new Tesco's. Chris Armfield, whose fiancee runs Harvest Moon, said: "The demise of Stouriest years and the standard of the Bell Street multi storey car park to pave the way for a new Tesco's.



A FORMER deputy leader of a Black Country council, who was instrumental in setting up a series of residents' groups, has died aged 75.

Jeff Fletcher post on Dudley Council in 1997 to 1998, died at his Eve Lane home, in Upper Gornal. He represented the Castle and Priory ward in Dudley for a decade until he retired in 2004.

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The former Labour councillor who was behind the launch of resident associations in Wren's Nest and Castle and Priory died suddenly on September 12.

His daughter Andrea said: "He was committed to making a difference to the lives of others through his career and as a family man and husband.
"Ho was your well respected and will be a supersymmetric to the s

man and husband.

"He was very well respected and will be missed by a lot of people."

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Motram, said: "We are all very saddened to hear about the death of former councillor Jeff Fletcher, and our thoughts are with his family at this time. ily at this time.

ny at this time.
"Personally, I knew him well and we served on the council together for a time."
A father of three children and grandfather of 10, Mr Fletcher is also survived by his wife Maureen.

Sophie on song for charity



Keep the Beat was recorded by 13-year-old Sophie Har-ris, front, with Daisy Harris, six, Jessica Powell, 14, Rebecca Ingram, 16, and Chloe Smith, 14

friends to record a charity CD.

CD.
Sophie, aged 13, has trained at a stage summer school in London and appeared in a musical at the Alexandra Theatre,

Birmingham.

Now the talented performer, of Cam Gardens,
Pensnett, has decided to
lend her voice to a new
album of pop hits and songs
from the shows called Keep
the Beat the Beat.

the Beat.

She promoted the album through her Facebook page.

About 60 other performers got in touch to take part.

Six took part in the recording of the album at Vocanics Studio, in Studios In Low Wingowin.

Vocanics Studio, in Stallings Lane, Kingswin-

ford.

Money raised from sales will be donated to the British Heart Foundation.

To buy a copy visit www. facebook.com/sophiekayh The charity was chosen after Sophie's grandfather Robert Lees received care following a quadruple heart

It gave him a new lease of life for three years but he died aged 57 in 2010.

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Security fencing at cricket HO

CONTROVERSIAL plans to replace practice strips and install security fencing at a cricket club in Stourbridge have been given the green light despite fierce objec-

ight despite heree objections.

Residents living near Oldswinford Cricket Club were left disappointed after losing their fight against the proposals which were approved by Dudley Council's development control committee this week. The club applied for permission to install two bat and bowl practice strips to replace three existing ones at the site in Albemarle Road, Stourbridge.

site in Albemarle Road, Stourbridge.
Bosses from the club also asked for permission to build a security cage around the strips which will be nearly 8ft high.
But residents said the changes would bring the strips closer to their homes and increase existing prob-lems with noise.
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Stanier said the number of
strips was being reduced
from three to two and there
were no plans to use the nets
from September to March."

Benefit gig is on

A BENEFIT gig for Love Music hate Racism will be held at the Base Studios in Rufford Road, Stourbridge,

Rufford Road, Stourbridge, on September 22.

The event features Grace Petrie and an acoustic set by Gary O'Dea. Tickets are £10 and doors open at 7.30pm. Call 07531 647420 to book.



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Masterplan for town to be submitted next year

ments to create more homes and bring new business into Stour-bridge will be submitted to the government early next year.

It aims to improve pedestrian access to the town centre; to create green open space along the River Stour and to de-culvert the

along the River Stour and to de-culvert the waterway. Pathways would be created and nature conservation work carried out, with homes built within the river corridor north of the town. It also includes plans for entertainment and leisure facilities on Canal Street. Measures will be introduced to make the town centre more attractive.

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Dudley Council has drawn up the Stourbridge Area Action Plan for developments and investment in the town up to 2026.

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The document was approved for publication by Dudley Council in March but had to be revised after new planning guidelines were released by the government.

The Cabinet were due to approve the new version of the plan last week and it will then go out to a six-week consultation to start on October 1.

Once this has been completed on November 12 the document will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2013 and will be subject to public scrutiny in the summer. If approved, the plan would then be adopted in winter 2013. In a report to the Cabinet, director of urban environment John Millar director of urban environment John Millar said: "The plan will set the detailed frame-work for the development."

Cat snap deadline looms

THE deadline is looming for photographers to enter shots of their favourite cats into a charity's competition.

Twelve winning entries will be used to create a new calendar to help Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection.

The closing date is October 14. Entry forms can be obtained from the charity shop in Lower High Street, Stourbridge, or from www.stour bridgecats.org.uk. www.stour bridgecats.org.uk.

First look at fire station



An artist's impression of the station for Halesowen and Cradlev Heatl



Another preview of how the new £3 million station may eventually look

THESE are the first images of what the £3 million fire station which will cover the Cradley Heath and Hale-sowen area will look like.

sowen area will look like.

The plans for the station are expected to be submitted to Sandwell Council planners next week, and construction work is due to start in March.

The drawings of the building to go on the site of the Municipal Buildings on Barrs Road, Cradley Heath, were put on display for the first time in the neighbouring Haden Hill Leisure Centre last week. The fire station, which will have a glass station, which will have a glass

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fronted reception area, will be home

to one engine but have three bays for other fire service vehicles. The engines will enter and exit the station off Halesowen Road, and traffic signals will be used to make it safe. The station will also see the sate. The station will also see the neighbouring Haden Hill Leisure Centre gain car parking space. Some residents looking at the

plans welcomed the scheme while

others still hold concerns.

Roger King, aged 60, from nearby
Beauty Bank, said: "We are worried about the noise.



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Detailed car park plans are set to be drawn up

DETAILED plans for a long-awaited car park in Gornal will be drawn up as work on the scheme moves a step forward. A feasibility study is already being carried out by Dudley Council to look at creating spaces on land off Abbey Street.

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The study is "progressing well", according to a councillor. Talks to iron out details are to take place if the findings of the study are favourable. Detailed designs will then be drawn up. Plans for a car park in the village have been on the drawing board for more than 20 years. They have previously stalled after a suitable site could not be found.

Residents and traders in the village have

Residents and traders in the village have always been supportive and say housing developments near the village have now made more spaces essential. New homes are

Conceillor stuart Turner, who is neading the campaign for the project, said: "It is going well and the feasibility study is continuing and progressing.
"Talks are also due to be held to look at what we are going to do so more detailed plans can be drawn up.

"It is still early days at the moment but I

can see no reason why this plan should not proceed at the present time." Traders have said shoppers are put off coming into the village because of parking problems.

Agony over trial wait

have spoken of their agony as he prepares to go on trial in Greece more than two years after he was accused of killing his girlfriend.

Relatives and friends of the 24-year-old will travel to Crete where Luke has been forced to remain since charged.

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Since he was accused of beating
Chelsea Hyndman to death, his family,
of Brierley Hill, have spent tens of
thousands of pounds preparing a
defence and travelling back and forth
to see him at his one-bedroom rented
apartment apartment.

apartment.

The turnover of the family business Walker's Electrics has plummeted by

could soon come to an end if Luke can successfully clear his name when the trial begins on October 16.

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"It's going to be horrendous," said Luke's father Patrick. I'm dreading it. Luke is obviously worried. But he wants to get out there and let people know that he's innocent.

"It's the only way we can get our lives back in order."

Supporters have booked a hotel in Stallis, just a 25-minute drive from Heraklion where the trial will take place. It is not known how long the hearing will last.

A total of 11 witnesses will form the

A total of 11 witnesses will form the basis of Luke's defence – that Chelsea's injuries were caused by a fall on a night out rather than, as prosecutors

suggest, during a fit of jealous rage by him. These include six of Chelsea's good friends whom she met while working as a waitress in Malia. Mr Walker is confident this could swing the case in their favour. "These people knew Chelsea better than they knew Luke but they are going out there to support him," he said.
"If they thought he was guilty, they would not do that." George Pyromallis will be defending Luke. The family got rid of their previous solicitor after becoming frustrated by his limited English.

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"We believe in our solicitor 100 per cent," added Mr Walker, aged 55. "He has done cases for English people before and has been a breath of fresh air. I have full confidence in him."

Movie offer for children

FREE cinema tickets are available for pupils in Wyre Forest as part of the National Schools Film Week.

Youngsters can watch Brave on October 23 and The Lorax on October 24 at the Reel Cinema, in Green

Street, Kidderminster.
Places must be booked on behalf of pupils in advance by their schools.
Nick Walker, of National Schools Film Week, said:

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marking 90th birthday

tional Rotary Club is celebrating 90 years of helping its local com-

munity.

Stourbridge Rotary Club has helped dozens of people through the decades and the members say it is all in a day's work.

The above raised thousands for causes at

They have raised thousands for causes at home and aboard since it was established.

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The club, still going strong in its 90th
year, has up to 70 members attending meetings as they embark on their latest fundraising drive.
The social side of bringing people together

The social side of bringing people together is at the core of what the group tries to achieve, says club member Bob Glaze. The retired bank manager, aged 70, worked in Stourbridge as well as other areas in the Midlands and South East, during his 35-year career.

But he says the club is a sum of its part and all members give an equal share of their

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self to the service of others.

The first meeting of the town's rotary club was at The Bell Hotel on February 1st 1922. It was one of the first clubs to be formed in this country and after meeting for 80 years at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge high street, they are now based at Hagley Golf and Country Club.

In 1922, there was much unemployment

In 1922, there was much unemployment in the area and Stourbridge Rotary Club raised funds to buy boots and shoes for needy children.

They found kindred spirits when they received an invitation from across the Atlantic in 1988.

Meeting on healthcare

PATIENTS can raise issues about health-care in Dudley at the latest meeting of the borough's Clinical Commission Group in October.

October.

It takes place on October 4, in the boardroom at King's House, Kings Street, Dudley,
DY2 8PE from 1pm to 3pm and the public
are welcome to attend.

Frankie hits right notes



Former Perryfields High School pupil Frankie Swoffer returns to sing

AN up-and-coming singer hit all the high notes when she returned to her former Oldbury school to perform songs from famous musical former of the state of the sta

former Oldbury school to perform for pupils.

Frankie Swoffer, aged 18, returned to Perryfields High School, Oldacre Road to perform. She is competing in Open Mic UK, a music competition searching for the best unsigned talent. She has gigged

around the West Midlands.
Frankie sings her own lyrics, and
songs from famous musicals including Les Miserables.
She performed in assemblies, in
front of 240 pupils, every day of last
week.
The regional heats of Open Mic
UK will be held at the NEC on
October 6.







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Kay, 91, clocks up the miles

CANNOCK WI

PRESIDENT Stella Win-field wished a very happy birthday to Susan Brookes and Agnes Overton. Special wishes went to Doris Westwood, who has been in hospital but is now home and improving. Rose-many Laviki also continues mary Larkin also continues

to get better. The Federations Big Walk The Federations Big Walk Little Splash competition has shown some very fit ladies. Over four months, 91-year-old Kay Mathews clocked 4,980km walking daily to the shops and back. Bronwyn Pace has walked 127 miles with the Ramblers and Susan Brookes clocked and Susan Brookes clocked 100 miles from daily swims. Margaret Walker walked in five different countries and Chris Pace, Joan Brazier and Stella Winfield all

walked more than 50 miles.
The SFWI Summer Celebration at Stafford Showground was a success. June Fox won £30 worth of meat.

An invitation from the Chairman of Cannock Chase Male Probus Club to their annual luncheon on October 11 at the Terrace Restau-

11 at the Terrace Restaurant was accepted.
Social Secretary Ellen Alcott has arranged a skittle and buffet evening at the Hen House in October and a visit to the Shopping Outlets at Trafford Park on November 4.

Specker, Nigal, Wiggin

ber 4.

Speaker Nigel Wiggin talked about the family chain-making business that branched out in to Old hall

giftware.
October's meeting is a social morning, with quiz, bingo and sales table and complimentary fresh scones.

Members hail Old Hall visit a success



The grounds of Moseley Old hall, Wolverhampton, where WI members paid a visit

THERE were three visitors to the September meeting, which got the evening off to a good start.

The visit to Moseley Old Hall was pronounced a success. "Denman Dip" was explained, members put £1 in an envelope, seal it, put their name and institute on the front and with a bit of luck get a weekend at the wonderful college. Photographs are needed for 2014 Staffordshire Federation calendar.

The reading group will be discussing "Wide Sargasso Sea" at its next meeting.

ASTON-BY-STONE WI

Speaker was Raymond Rush who was brought up on a farm in Norfolk and farmed in Shropshire. His talk was entitled Country Customs. He enlivened his talk with many farming anecdotes and brought along old farming implements. The competition "a farm animal" was won by Lucy Salt and the raffle by Grace Basset. The club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Back to the 50s and 60s

THE ANNUAL Harvest supper was held with the food being provided by the members, half bringing

members, half bringing savoury dishes and the other half sweet.

As usual, everyone came up trumps. The individual tables had been decorated with red, white and blue napkins and a small bouquet of flowers in a wine goblet, placed in the centre. There

BONEY HAY AND CHASE **TERRACE WI**

was also a raffle the prizes being three basket of harvest produce, kindly given by one of the committee.

Everyone joined in to clear up after the meal and were eager to take part in a short quiz which had been set by a

committee member. There were no prizes for the winning table but it seemed

all enjoyed it for the fun.

The next meeting will take members back to the 1950s/60s and it is hoped all will join in the spirit of that time

The president thanked everyone who had con-tributed to such a successful evening.

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Olympics give boost to **UK employment, claim**

helped drive a further fall in UK unemployment after another leap in the number of people in work, official figures claim.

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But there was a rise in the number of people claiming jobseeker's allowance in Dudley. Nationally, the jobless total fell by 7,000 in the quarter to July to 2.59 million, an unemployment rate of 8.1 per cent. The Office for National Statistics said the number claiming jobseekers allowance last month was 1.57 million, down by 15,000 on July. This represents the largest monthly fall since June 2010.

The difference in unemployment numbers and claimant count arises as not

numbers and claimant count arises as not everyone who is unemployed is entitled to claim benefit.

claim benefit.
London accounted for 5,500 of the fall in
the so-called claimant count, suggesting a
jobs boost from the London Games.
Across the West Midlands the numbers
claiming jobseeker's allowance rose last
month by 1,376 to 164,666.
The number claiming jobseeker's

The number claiming jobseeker's allowance in the Dudley borough rose by 100 in August to 10,316 or 5.4 per cent of the working population. The Wyre Forest working population. The Wyre Forest however saw a fall of one to 2,246 or 3.7 per

cent.
Nationally, other figures revealed the number of part-time workers increased by 134,000 to reach 8.12m – the highest since records began in 1992.
The number of Britons working part-time because they could not find a full-time job also hit a record high of 1.42m.

Votes are in for stations

VOTES are being counted as fire stations in Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Walsall are all vying for a prestigious award. Stourbridge, Bilston and Aldridge stations are all in the running for Station of the Year, as part of this year's Aspire Awards event. The winners will be announced at a cere-ment in Birmingham on October 12.

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Pupils' pretty planters



Gornal Business Watch chairman Gail Smith with committee member Barrie Mills-Taylor and pupils Izaak Truss and, bottom, Ellie Dunn and Macey Truss

YOUNGSTERS have brightened up a Dudley village with decorative planters. The planters were originally installed around Gornal village last year but were removed after becoming a target for vandals. But following appeals from residents and traders the Dudley. dents and traders, the Dudley

Council has now restored the boxes, which have been placed at intervals along Zoar Street and Louise Street. More than 10 planters have been filled by youngsters from Red Hall Primary School. Traders water the plants and Gornal Business Watch provided cash to to buy the flowers

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Pest control unable to cope with calls

COUNCIL pest controllers in Dudley are so overloaded with residents' calls for help they have been unable to offer a full

While other local authorities in the region say it is business as usual, Dudley is only offering advice over the phone and urging people to use pest control firms in the borough

instead. The council says it is busy because "the general summer problems of pests" had come later than expected this year. Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "Due to a late surge in inquiries, we are having to restrict our pest control activities.

inquiries, we are having to restrict our pest control activities.

"We have officers available to offer advice and there are pest control contractors operating in Dudley borough who can offer an alternative service."

On the council's website, officers urge people to use businesses registered with the British Pest Control (BPCA) or National Pest Technician (NPTA).

One resident in Dudley, who did not wish to be named, described the situation at the council as shocking.

Prime cut of cash from local butcher



Oliver James and Edward Cook, both 14, with some of the Oldswinford Youth FC under 15s at Crown Butchers

A BUTCHER has given a prime cut of his earnings to a football team in Stourbridge for new kits.

Nigel Higham, who runs Crown Butchers, Market Street, donated £300 to Oldswinford Youth under-15s so they can look the part for this season.

Team manager Steve Schuck, who works at the shop said the old jerseys had become tatty and were in need of replacements.

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"It's a real boost to the team. We only charge the lads £4 to play each week so we don't generate a lot of cash. Training costs a lot of money. So any support we can get is a real help. The lads are over the moon.

Mr Higham said he was delighted to be supporting the team, which is based in Swan Pool Park and was last year promoted to Stourbridge and District Youth Division Two.

"They're a good team and need to look the part," the strip sponsor added.

MP invites pupils to enter design contest

CALLS for youngsters to consider careers in manufacturing have been made at the launch of a new scheme.
Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, has written to schools encouraging students to enter the We Made It! competition. The project aims to encourage young people to consider the value and rewards of working in the manufacturing indus-

Young people aged 13 to 16 are invited to submit designs and ideas for a gadget, toy or tool they would like to see

and ideas for a gadget, toy or tool they would like to see created.

The entries will be judged by Miss James, with the winner being entered into a national competition.

Representatives from companies and organisations including Boeing, The Manufacturing Institute, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and Lloyds Banking Group will judge the entries.

The best entries nationwide will be invited to see their designs manufactured and brought to life.

Miss James will invite the winner of the Stourbridge competition to a reception and awards ceremony in Parliament.

To find out more, and to enter the competition, visit

To find out more, and to enter the competition, visit www.wemadeit.co.uk

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Some of the Leasowes' students show off the Smart new uniform

GCSE examination results for 2012 at Leasowes High school, Halesowen, have broken all previous Leasowes

As the school prepares for its open week, starting on Monday, September 24, a warm welcome is extended to parents/carers seeking a rapidly improving and ambitious school to provide their child's secondary education.

In 2012:

In 2012:
1 99.1 per cent of the year group achieved five or more A*. C grade or equivalents (28per cent above the national average).
172 per cent achieved A*. C grades in English (national average 63.9 per cent)
162 per cent achieved A*. C grades in mathematics (national average 58.4 per cent)

1 57 per cent achieved five or more A* - C passes, including maths and English, despite mathematics and English results dipping nationally despite the control of the contr

mathematics and English results apping nationally this year.

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Leasowes has a focus on learning

pitches, combined with an extensive ICT network to offer students outstanding learning environ-

to offer students outstanding learning environments.

Recent trips to the Houses of Parliament, Wimbledon, Oxford and Aston Universities, the USA for an annual Ski Trip, the Loire Valley, Kenilworth Castle, Manor Adventure and The London Olympics give a flavour of what is on offer to students. The Year 11 Internship Programme also gives students a weekly experience in high profile companies such as Marks and Spencer, Jaguar/Landrover, HSBC, while a wide range of smaller local businesses also provide a weekly taste of the world of work, with all the advantages in the job market this can bring.

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SPECT. ACHIEVEMENT. DISCIPLINE. SUCCESS..... THE NEW LEASOWES HIGH SCHOOL

in a village near Kidderminster.
Residents in Hartlebury were given the chance to ask Councillor Anthony Blagg about the EnviRecover plant planned for the village. It would be open late next year. Site bosses say they hope to start building work by the end of this year.
The decision to approve the plans, backed by the county council, was announced by Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles in July.
At the meeting, at Hartlebury Village Hall

At the meeting, at Hartlebury Village Hall last week, many people wanted to know the total cost of the scheme, which was originally estimated at £120m. Councillor Blagg

MORE than 150 people packed into a public meeting to quiz Worcestershire's environment chief on plans for a waste incinerator in a village near Kidderminster.

Residents in Hartlebury were given the chance to ask Councillor Anthony Blagg about the EnviRecover plant planned for impact and the cost that might fall on the

impact and the cost that high tail of the taxpayer."

Councillor Blagg said: "We are working on the contract at the moment and the financial details will be going before both Worcestershire and Herefordshire cabinets in Neuropher." November."

People also wanted to know why the

Hartlebury site had been chosen.
Councillor Blagg said officers had started with 100 potential sites before whittling them down to the Hartlebury site.

Incinerator campaigners quiz environment chief Fury at changes to Mot classic car owners have hit out which may be exempt from the tests," said



at a proposed shake-up of the MoT rules which could leave their beloved vehicles stuck in the garage.

European Commission announced a planned reform of the system which would mean cars more than 30 years old would be exempt from the safety testing. But the rule would only apply if there has

But the rule would only apply it there has been no change to any components. That means an old car fitted with updated parts, even if they improved safety, could poten-tially fail an MoT.

West Midlands Classic Car Club president

Maurice Cole said members were concerned.

"Every one of our members is worried about this – even the owners of vehicles

Mr Cole, who lives in Dudley. "Many classic cars require updated systems to stay on the road, but now to find out this may mean they will be forced off the road is a concern, I

will be forced off the road is a concern, I don't get the reasoning behind this." UKIP transport spokesman and West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass said he feared the plan would see many modified and classic cars disappear from British roads. "Under the plans, a vehicle would automatically fail its MoT test if its 'technical specifications' was found to differ from the technical specification it had when it rolled off the production line," he said. "These plans are an attack on motorists, classic car enthusiasts and the car industry, I will raise this issue in the European Parliament and fight to put it in reverse," added Mr Nattrass, who owns a 1956 Sunbeam Talbot. trass, who owns a 1956 Sunbeam Talbot.

Milestone for website

brating signing up their 3,000th member. The Finditinworcester shire.com site was set up by Worcestershire Country

Worcestershire Country Council to help businesses find more customers and win potential contracts. Its 3,000th member is Abraxas Catering Equip-ment, based in Kiddermin-ster, which sells new and refurbished catering equip-ment and installs commer-ment and installs commerment and installs commer cial kitchens.

A spokesman said: "Since its launch in February 2011 the project has gone from strength to strength."

Mayor sparks off full of life scheme



Mayor of Dudley Melvyn Mottram with Age UK chief officer Sally Huband, Dudley Forum of Older People chairman Bob Ferguson and mayoress Michelle Mottram

THE Mayor of Dudley helped to kick-start this year's Full of Life Festival roadshow, which promotes activities for older people in the borough.

older people in the borough.

The event will give residents the chance to try activities from walks to cycle rides and free health checks to coffee mornings. Groups have arranged dozens of events and activities to encourage people in later life to try something new and help them stay active and independent for longer. The festival, organised by Dudley Council and Age UK Dudley, will run from October 1 to 5. More than 30 events have been organised, including Latin and ballroom dancing, jewellery-making, exercise classes and laughter yoga.

Museum needs more volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help out during special events and school holidays at a museum near Kidder-

Worcestershire County Worcestershire County Museum, based at Hartle-bury Castle, needs more people. Call Rachel Robin-son on 01299 250416 or email museum@worcester-shire.gov.uk.

999 failure is under scrutiny

A CALL-taker's failure to dispatch an ambulance is

dispatch an ambulance is among the incidents being investigated by regional ambulance service bosses. Bosses at West Midlands Ambulance Service are looking over evidence for eight "serious incidents". They include an ambulance not being dispatched on July 10.

Chance for young to put talents on display

YOUNGSTERS can showcase their talents in a bid to win

XOUNGSTERS can showcase their talents in a bid to win cash prizes at a contest near Stourport.

The competition for children living in Areley Kings and The Walshes starts on September 28.

It will run over three consecutive Fridays. Two categories are open for contestants aged between seven and 11 and 12 to 17.

to 17. Heats for seven to 11-year-olds will take place on September 28 from 6.30pm at St Bartholomew's Primary School, in Princess Way, Stourport. Heats for the 12 to 17-year-olds will be held October 5 from 6.30pm at Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Common. The hall will be the venue for the final on October 12 starting at 6.30pm. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners and those finishing on the podium. Anyone wishing to enter can visit www.thewalshes.weebly.com/young-people.

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wn built on sausages and steel

THE "pedigree" for a genuine Brierley Hill person used to be that their dad worked down the steelworks, while their mum was

making sausages.

Author Ned Williams

That's according to veteran Black Country author and historian Ned Williams, who lives in

Williams, who Wolverhampton. Wolverhampton.
Ned and fellow
members of the Mount
Pleasant Local History
Group, Quarry Bank have
nealled Brierley Hill at
Work, featuring more than
200 photographs of the old
industries that provided
the bread and butter of
most people in the town.
Many of them are of

most people in the town.
Many of them are of
workers at Round Oak
Steelworks, which
sprawled across the area
now occupied by the giant
Merry Hill shopping
centre and employed more

than 4,000, and sausage making factory Marsh & Baxter, where more than 1,000 were employed.

Other companies included in the 128-page paperback book include Richard Thomas and Baldwin, the steel processor, which was in Brockmoor and provided jobs for nearly 1,000 people.

Brierley Hill Market traders also star in the book, along with shopkeepers, local police, fire and transport staff.

Vanished

"As we worked on the book it became more and more obvious that Brierley Hill is one of those places almost totally defined by the work that used to go on there – even though many of those industries have vanished," said Ned, aged 68, a tutor organiser for Wolverhampton's Workers Educational Association.
"The town is still associated with Round Oak Steelworks and Marsh & Baxter – and a proper Brierley Hill pedigree had dad down the steelworks and mum making sausages, with a few examples of gender reversal.

had dad down the steelworks and mum making sausages, with a few examples of gender reversal.

"Of all the towns I've looked at, I have never found one more obsessed with the work it used to do."

He added: "If you look at Brierley Hill now, I would say it is dominated by retailing – but the market traders are still there, some of whom have been on their stalls for 50 years, to give an idea of the heritage and tradition passed

The book's cover features a photograph of men on. Ine book s cover teatures a photograph of men working on a locomotive as part of the railway system that used to carry raw materials and steel around the old Round Oak works, which closed in 1980 after around 140 years of metal bashing in the town.

Ned said the history group members had been keen to show some of the support work that used to go on in the main industries of Brierley Hill – so the Round Oak photograph a highlight this days of showing the deformance of the support work as the state of the support work as the support work

main industries of Differey Hill - So the Round Oak photo-graphs highlight the jobs of chemists, draftsmen and engi-neers as well as those sweating it out by the furnaces. Marsh & Baxter, which was between North Street and Church Street and had an underground tunnel where the pigs used to walk to be slaughtered, started in the town in 1871 and sold out to FMC - the Fatstock Meat Corporation in the 1960s

1871 and sold out to FMC - the ratstock mean component. - in the 1960s.
Photographs from the old sausage factory show workers ranging from the slaughtermen to girls dressed in crisp white uniforms making pies and sausages.
Brierley Hill at Work has been published as part of the Britain in Old Photographs series produced by The History Press.

Press.
It is the Mount Pleasant Local History Group's third book about Brierley Hill and Ned's 48th about the Black Country.
The volume was released at a book launch recently at Bank Street Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill.
The book, priced at £12.99 is available at shops including WH Smith and Waterstones, Merry Hill.



A worker at a glassworks in Brierley Hill





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24th September from 6.00pm to 8.30pm

and Open Mornings

25th to 29th September from 9.00am

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Robin 2

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WOLVERHAMPTON X
Factor contestant Joe
Whelan, who wowed the
celebrity judges with his
version of Led Zeppelin's
Whole Lotta Love, is bringing his band to Bilston for his
first home turf concert since
causing a TV sensation.
A singer and mitarist the

A singer and guitarist, the tool salesman from Ashmore

Park used to be a cage fighter and fronted local hard rock

and fronted local hard rock band Dementia.

The Joseph Whelan Band will be in concert at the Robin 2 on Wednesday, October 3. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.
Other plum gigs at the Mount Pleasant venue include Andy Fairweather Low (Sep 28) and top young blueswoman Joanne Shaw Taylor and her band (Oct 9). Contact the box office on 1992 401211 or online at

01902 401211 or online at www.therobin.co.uk

What's On! Halesowen

Aled adding his voice to concert

Voice to concert
DAYBREAK presenter
Aled Jones will join the
Gentlemen Songsters Male
Voice Choir on September
22 at Dudley Concert Hall.
The singer is also a
regular presenter of Songs
of Praise. The show features classical singing duo
Alison Cripps and Jill
Saunders. Proceeds will go
to the Mayor of Dudley
Councillor Melvyn
Mottram's charity fund.
This year they are Diabetes
UK, Dudley, Stourbridge
and District Support Group
and Dudley Stroke Association. Tickets are available
on 01384 838863.

Tribute hits from the big boybands

HITS from boybands Take
That, Westlife and Boyzone
will feature in a tribute
show a pub near Halesowen
this Saturday night.
The band called That's
Life, who were well known
on the Midlands gig scene,
will play at the Knight's
Quest pub, in Blackheath
High Street.
Admission on the night
costs £3. Doors close at

costs £3. Doors close at 11pm with the bar open

Ukulele concert

HALESOWEN Ukulele Group Strummers will be playing their latest gig in the town on September 30. The concert starts at 7.30pm at Halesowen Ath-letic and Cycling Club's clubhouse, Manor Way Halesowen.

Swan Lake is a milestone for 100 young ballerinas X Factor

West Midlands will be involved in a spectacular production of Swan Lake, being performed by the English Youth Ballet at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Little Voice to be heard at the Grand

AWARD-winning comedy-drama with music, The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, brings a star-studded cast to Wolverhampton Grand.

Minga stail status tasts of Wolverhampton Grand.

Jim Cartwright's story of a talent scout who thinks he's found a goldmine in a shy girl with an incredible talent to sing like the great female stars of yesteryear is at the Grand from Monday to Saturday (Sep 24-29).

Introducing gifted impressionist Jess Robinson from Dead Ringers as Little Voice, also stars Coronation Street's Beverley Callard as her formidable mother, Joe McGann as desperate agent Ray Say and Ray Quinn as her admirer Billy.

The three performances of The three performances of this Russian classic, danced to the soaring music of Tchaikovsky, will be performed on Friday and Saturday evenings, and at a Saturday matinee. Local dancers who auditioned at the Grand will join eight principal dancers on stage. It is not the only Swan Lake this autumn, with Birmingham Royal Ballet's return home from touring to present this best known of

present this best known of all ballets, plus a triple bill of shorter works.

shorter works.

The company will test out Birmingham Hippodrome's new stage from September 26 to 29 with Opposites Attract, including David Bintley's joyous jazz dance Take That, Jessica Lang's inventive Lyric Picces and Hans van Manen's powerful Grosse Fuge. Their Swan Lake is from October 2 to 6, the roles of Odette/Odie being shared by Nao Sakuma, Elisha Willis and Natasha Oughtred. Natasha Oughtred.



play warehouse

Guitar duo will

play Warenouse
A GUITAR duo will
perform in Dudley as part
of a series of jazz concerts.
Paul Vernon Chester
and Nick Mellor will be at
the Bonded Warehouse,
Canal Street, Stourbridge,
on October 12. They will
perform compositions by perform compositions by Django Reinhardt. All the concerts at the venue start at 7.30pm.

at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £7 for adults
and £3.50 for students or under-16s.

under-16s.

The next concert will be on November 9 with a performance by the Sambuca Diaries Big Band.

The final concert of the year will feature violinist Billy Thompson.

Australian choir to sing at church

AN Australian choir will perform in Dudley. The Australian Voices will sing at St Andrew's Church, Netherton on September 26 at 7.30pm assert of their particular.

ort of their national tour.

The choir is gearing up
for a 23-night run at the
Edinburgh Fringe Festi-

val. Tickets cost £15 for adults. Call 02032866786.

Soul and Motown

A NIGHT of Northern Soul and Motown will be

Soul and Motown will be staged on September 22 at Dudley Town Hall starting at 8pm. Tickets are £7.

DJS will play tunes harking back to the days of Blackpool Mecca and Wigan Casino. For tickets visit www.dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 812812.









SATURDAY'S TV 22.09.12

CHOICE



Anthony McPartlin

Red or Black?

ITV1, 7.25pm
For newcomers, the format for this series involves contestants in each round choosing red or black, with those who choose the wrong colour being sent home. All video games need beta tests to iron out any bugs, and the same is true for TV game shows – so series two may have redressed any problems from 2011. The question is: can rugby union stars Sam Warburton and Manu Tuilagi help turn the show around? Or do the masses really miss the sight of two teams of dogs competing in a race? Here's a chance to find out as Ant and Dec present the latest edition

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday
Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast,
Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00
BBC News: Regional News;
Weather: 12.15 Football Focus
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Opening. 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 BBC
News; Regional News: Weather.
5.50 A Question of Sport: Extreme.
6.30 All New Yotal Wipeout.
Richard Hammond and
Amanda Byram present as
20 more foolbardy Brits,
including rival brothers and a
Tina Turner lookalike, take on
the obstacle course.

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7.30 Doctor Who. Earth is invaded by millions of sinister-looking black cubes, but no one knows what they are or who sent them — so the Doctor moves in with their course have been been as their control of the course for move in their control of their contr Ponds as he works out their

8.15 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles- Father and ck. Knowles- Father and ck. Knowles- Father and ck. Knowles- Father and ck. Fathe

himself.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of West Ham United v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 BBC

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: First Daughter. (2004) 1.40 Film: The Ipcress File. (1965) 3.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.55 Wartime Farm. (R) 5.55 Antiques Road Trip. (R)

Antiques Road Trip, (R)
6.55 Flog Itl (R)
7.40 Dad's Army. The older
members of the platoon take
drastic action when they are
threatened with being made
air-raid wardens,
transforming themselves in a
bid to appear younger. (R)
8.10 This World – Aung San Suu
Kyl: The Choice. A profile of
the Nobel Peace Prize-

winning Burmese politician, who spent nearly 20 years under house arrest and became an international symbol of the power of peaceful resistance.

symbol of the power opeaceful resistance.

9.10 QIXL. Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about jelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies.

9.55 The Thick of It. Peter reluctantly spends a long weekend at a country retreat with Stewart, who is holding a creative-thinking seminar to reinvigorate the party, while Gleen toils at the office.

10.25 The Clintons.

11.25 Film: Primary Colors.

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11.35 Film: Grid dram, with John Sattircal dram, with John Thompson.

1.35 Film: Curse of the Crimson Altar. (1968) 3.00 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News 9.30 The Jersemy Kyle Show USA. 11.25 The Jersemy Kyle Show USA. 11.25 The Jersemy Kyle Show USA. 11.26 The Kactor. (f) 12.15 IIV News: Weather. 12.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (f) 1.08 Muery. Which Way But Loose. (1978) 4.15 His Bean. (1997) 5.55 Regional Forgramme, Weather.

6.55 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom

Joly,

7.25 Red or Black? Rugby union stars Sam Warburton and Man Tullagi go head to head, classical duo Jonathan and Charlotte perform with choir Only Boys Aloud, and two teams of dogs compete in a race. Continues after The Y Factor.

X Factor.

The X Factor. In the first of two boot-camp editions this two boot-camp editions this week, more than 200 contestants who impressed at the auditions head to Liverpool's Echo Arena for a series of singing challenges. Continues tomorrow.

Continues tomorrow.

9.40 Red or Black? The four remaining contestants face further challenges, the first of which sees golfers Paul Casey and Melissa Reid compete in a battle-of-the-sexes game.

sexes game.

10.25 The Jonathan Ross Show.
With Michael Gambon, Emily
Blunt and John Bishop.

11.25 ITV News; Weather.

11.40 Take Me Out. (R)
12.40 The Store; ITV News
Headlines. 2.40 In Plain Sight. (R)
3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV
Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 British GT. 6.30 The Grid 6.05 British CT. 6.30 The Grid.
7.00 Strathcyde Park Triathlon.
7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4:
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Intro. (R) 9.10 T4: Titunes Festival
2012: T4 Highlights 9.45 T4:
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6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 4thought.bv.
7.15 Baggage. Gok Wan hosts a dating game in which contestants reveal their most peculiar secrets to potential partners – and as the game goes on, the truths get stranger. (R)

8.15 Comedy World Cup. Alan Carr, Sara Pascoe and Clive Anderson take on Micky Flanagan, Kevin Bridges and Stan Boardman as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.

9.15 The Million Pound Drop

asks the questions.

9.15 The Million Pound Drop
Live. Davina McCall presents
the quiz show in which
contestants can win
£1 million, but lose money for
giving incorrect answers.

10.50 Film: Predator. (1987) Sci-fi
thriller, starring Arnold
Schwarzenegger.

12.55 Film: Kaminey. (2009) 3.15
Journey Through the Night (R)
3.25 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.30 Baking
Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 5.55 The
Treacle People. (R)

CHANNEL 5

C. 10 Milkshakel 10.00 Power Rangers Samural. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.05 Stobart Trucks and Trailers. (R) 12.15 Film: Captain Horatio Hornblower RN. (1951) Naval adventure, starring Gregory Peck. 2.35 Film: The Adventures of Robin Hood. (1938) Swashbuckling deventure, starring Errol Plynn. 4.40 S News Weekend. 4.45 Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw.

World war drama, starring Hobert Shaw.

7.40 Film: Maverick. (1994) A gambler and a con woman join forces to raise enough money for them both to compete in a prestigious, winner-takes-all poker game Comedy Western, with Mel Gibson and Jodie Foster.

10.00 CSI: Miami. The team is called in to investigate the disappearance of a householder and his family from their suburban home and makes a shocking discovery in the property's garage.

discovery in the property's garage.

10.55 CSI: Crime Scene
Investigation. TV cameras follow the CSIs for a reality crime series, putting everyone under pressure during a rape investigation. With Taraji P Fenson (The With Tara

DIGITAL

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 Russell Howard: Right Here Right Now 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!

BBC Four 7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.50 Doris Day: Virgin Territory 11.50 20th Century Battlefields

ITV2
3.30 The X Factor 4.35 The Xtra
Factor 5.40 Film: King Ralph
(1991) 7.40 Film: Dante's Peak
(1997) 9.40 The Xtra Factor 10.40
Celebrity Juice 11.30 Totally
Bonkers Guinness World Records:
Bonkingly Big Hits
ITV3

3.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 5.55 Murder, She Wrote 6.55 Foyle's War 9.00 Vera. 11.00 Crime Connections

3.40 Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1989) 5.35 Film: You Only Live Twice (1967) 8.00 River Monster 9.00 Film: Ticker (2001) 10.55 Film: This Is Spinal Tap (1984)

E4
3.10 Desperate Housewives 4.10
Revenge 5.10 How I Met Your
Mother 6.10 The Big Bang Theory
7.10 Film: Ever After: A Cinderella
Story (1989) 9.40 Film: Mr & Mrs
Smith (2005)

2.40 Stormbreaker (2006) 4.30
Paper Moon (1973) 6.35 Speed 2:
Cruise Control (1997) Action thriller
sequel, starring Sandra Bullock.
9.00 JFK (1991) New Orleans

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CHOICE



Duncan Bannatyne

Dragons' Den BBC2, 9pm

Children's ride-on suitcases, Trunkis have become a success since their invention by Rob Law a few years ago. However, Law's novel idea didn't exactly get off to great start when it was rejected by the Dragons in 2006 after Theo Paphitis broke one of the straps. However, for every Trunki, the Dragons can boast several successes, including Levi Roots' Reggae Reggae sauce, Rapstrap and iTeddy. This is perhaps why two Mancunian sisters who, like Law were rejected when they appeared back in 2005 are looking for a second chance to impress

6.00 Breakfast 7.35 Match of the Day (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.10 Live Formula 1. Singapore Grand Prix. 3.20 A Question of Sport: Extreme. (R) 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Songs of Praise. 4.30 The Indian Doctor. (R) 5.35 Planet Earth Live: A Monkey's Tale.

- BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 7.00 Fake or Fortune? Proving a
- Fake or Fortune? Proving a trio of paintings are the work of JMW Turner.

 Countryfile. In an edition from Lochaber in the Highlands, Matt Baker enjoys a steam train journey, and Julia Bradbury learns about produntaineers from the Victorian era. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

 Andrew Marx: History of
- Weather for the Week Ahead.

 9.00 Andrew Mar's History of
 the World. New series. The
 journalist explores the global
 migrations that followed
 man's early beginnings in
 Africa and the agrarian and
 urban developments that led
 to the first divilisations.

 10.00 BBC News; Regional News;
 Weather.
- Weather.

 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Manchester City v Arsenal at the Etihad Stadium.
- 11.55 In with the Flynns. The family has a cash-flow problem. Last in the series. (R)
- (R) 12.25 Film: Charlie & Boots. (2009) 2.00 Weatherview. 2.05 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) 3.05 Good Cop. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

BBC₂

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 Film: Seven Years in Tibet. (1997) 2.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.15 Cycling. 5.00 Rugby League.

- 6.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores Australia's underwater ecosystem, beginning with a look at the coral reef's structure and the many species of wildlife that inhabit it. (R)
- many species or wilcille man inhabit it. (R) emy Clarkson Top Geat. (R) emy Clarkson assist with the making of The Sweeney, while James May tests the Vauxhall Corsa VXR Nurburgring and updated Fiat Panda. With actor Ryan Reynolds. (R) 8.00 Vikings. Neil Oliver visits Riussia, Turkey and Ireland to warriors established a trading empire, and explores the vast array of goods in which their merchants dealt. (R)

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 9.00 Dragons' Den. A horror
 writer gets a surprising
 reaction when he tries to
 scare the Dragons into
 backing him, and two sisters
 make a second bid to
 impress the panel after bein
 rejected in 2005.
 10.00 Mock the Week. Grag
 Davies, Jo Caulfield and Gary
 Briain and regular panellists
 Chris Addison, Hugh Dennis
 and Andy Parsons for the
 satirical current affairs quiz.
 (R)
 10.30 Film: Good. (2008) Drama
- 10.30 Film: Good. (2008) Drama, starring Viggo Mortensen and Jason Isaac. 12.00 Film: The Night Listener. (2006) 1.15 BBC News. 4.05 Close

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.30 The Hungry Saliors. (R) 12.30 ITV News, Weather 12.35 The Unforgettable Diana Dors. (R) 1.05 The X Factor. (R) 2.35 Dancing on Let Live Tour 2012. 3.35 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 4.30 Downton Abbey. (R)

- 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
- 6.15 ITV News; Weather.
 - The Chase: Celebrity
 Special. Matthew Wright,
 Suzi Perry, lan' "H" Watkins
 and Crissy Rock try to win
 thousands of pounds for
 charity by outwitting one of
 the show's resident trivia
 experts. Bradley Walsh
 hosts.
- hosts.

 The X Factor. The remaining acts have one last chance to impress Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh and win places in the judges' houses round of the competition. 7.30
- Joues Houses found on the Mary hopes for the Mary hopes of the Mary hopes have many hopes have many hopes have many hopes have many hopes and O'Brien tries to boost Affred's progress.

 10.15 ITV News; Weather.

 10.20 William & Kate: The South Seas Tour. Mary Nightingale travels with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as they represent the Queen on the Asia-Pacific leg of the Mary hopes have hopes he was the Mary hopes have hopes have hopes he was highly hopes he was highly hopes he was held for the Mary hopes have hopes he was held for the Mary hopes have held for the Mary hopes have held for the Mary hopes held for the Mary hopes have held for the Mary hopes have held for the Mary hopes held for the Mary hopes have held for the held for the

- Diamond Jubilee tour.

 11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.
 12.10 The Store; ITV News
 Headlines. 2.10 Golden Balls. (R)
 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV
 Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning
 News.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Ironman 2012. 7.05 Freesports on 4. 7.30 The Jenson Button Trust Triathlon. 8.00 Will & Grace. (R) 8.25 Will & Grace. (R) Grace. (H) 8.25 Will & Grace. (H) 9.30 Frasier (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 Deal or No Deal 3.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.30 Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008)
- 6.20 Channel 4 News.
- 4thought.tv
- The Political Slot.
- The Political Slot.
 Jimmy and the Whale
 Whisperer. Farmer and
 wildlife enthusiast Jimmy
 Doherty travels to the
 Caribbean island of Dominica
 to meet Andrew Armour, who
 claims to be able to communicate with sperm
- Writers. We will be some state of the work of the work
- Big Fat Quiz of the 90s. Phill Jupitus, Jack Whitehall, Alan Jupitus, Jack Whitehall, Alan Davies, Claudia Winkleman and Denise Van Outen demonstrate how much they remember about the 1990s. Jimmy Carr asks the questions.
- 10.35 Film: Hitman. (2007) A genetically engineered assassin fails to complete his latest assignment and finds that he has become a target himself. Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant.
- 12.25 Stalked. (R) 12.55 American Football Live. 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) 5.10 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05
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60ary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi
and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 City of
Friends. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men
Show. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R)
6.55 Abbys Fyling Fairy School.
(R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too.
(R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R)
7.25 Play! (R) 7.35 Noddy in
Toyland. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's
Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Funky
8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top
Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R)
8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.46
Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and
holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10
Toby's Travelling Circus. 9.25
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40
Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Power
Rangers Samura: 10.35 Battam:
The Brave and the Bold. 11.10
Cowboy Bulletes. (R) 12.05
World's Scariest Flights. (R) 1.05
Film: Molly Monke and the
Groundhog Day. (1993) 5.10
Film: Monsters, Inc. (2001)
7.05 Wills and Kate: Baby Fever.
Broyd Everets and misisters.

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7.05 Wills and Kate: Baby Fever.
Royal experts and insiders
discuss the possibility of the
Duke and Duchess of
Cambridge having a child,
and speculate on how they
might deal with the
challenges of parenthood.
(R)

(R)
5 News Weekend.
Film: Judge Dredd. (1995)
Sci-fi thriller, starring
Sylvester Stallone.

10.00 Film: Tears of the Sun. 10.UD+IIM: lears of the out.
(2003) Action drama,
starring Bruce Willis.
12.00 Saving Private Ryan: The
True Story. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino.
4.00 The FIE Files. (R) 4.50 County
Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline.
(R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R)
5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Film: National Treasure (2004) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Bad Education 11.15 Film: Surrogates (2009)

BBC Four 7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

7.30 The Story of Light Entertainment 9.00 Let's Have a Party! The Piano Genius of Mrs Mills 10.00 Film: Father of My Children (2009) 11.45 British

2.30 Film: King Ralph (1991) 4.30 The X Factor 6.00 The Xtra Factor 7.00 Film: Uncle Buck (1989) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008)

ITV3
5.05 Film: Mutiny on the Buses
(1972) 7.00 Lewis. A student
Shakespeare production ends in
murder. 9.00 Film: Mermaids
(1990) 11.15 Cracker

11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of round eight at Rockingham. 6.00 Minder 7.00 The Sweeney 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Car Crime UK 10.00 Film: Driven to Kill (2009)

E4
3.05 Charlie's Angels 4.00 New Girl
4.30 Suburgatory 4.55 Revenge
5.55 The Big Bang Theory 7.45
Film: Grease (1978) 10.00 The
Inbetweeners 11.05 2 Broke Girls
11.35 New Girl

75 Film4
3.05 Sister Act (1992) 5.05 To Catch a Thief (1955) 7.15 The Golden Child (1986) 9.00 Beverly Hills Cop (1984) Comedy thriller, starring Eddie Murphy. 11.05 Snake in the Eagle's Shadow (1978)

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Film Choices

reariess, IIV1, IU.30pm
A respected fighter in China at the turn of the 20th century returns from self-imposed exile with the intention of passing on his knowledge. Wary of his status as a national hero, foreign powers based in China challenge him to enter a tournament so their own champions can destroy him. Martial arts adventure, based on a true story, starring Jet Li and Shido Nakamura. In Mandarin, Japanese and English. (2006)

The Break-Up, ITV1, 10.35pm
A thirtysomething couple's seemingly perfect relationship deteriorates into a series of petty squabbles. But once they decide to call it a day, another problem presents itself – neither is willing to give up their home, forcing the pair to carry on living together, while each hopes the other will be driven away first. Comedy drama, starring Jennifer Aniston, Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau and Joey Lauren Adams. (2006)

Lakeview Terrace, Channel 5, 11pm
A bigoted police officer appoints himself guardian of his suburban neighbourhood. When a mixed-race couple move into the house next door, his disapprova of their relationship leads him to begin a campaign of intimidation against them that spirals into violence. Neil LaBute's thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington and Ron Glass. (2008)



THURSDAY

THURSDAY
Separated by Murder, Channel 5, 3.05pm
Identical twin sisters who have always had a close
relationship are jailed separately after being convicted
of conspiring to murder one of their husbands, forcing
them to cope without each other for the first time. Factbased drama, starring Sharon Gless in a dual role
alongside Steve Railsback, Ed Bruce and Mark W
Johnson. (1994)

FRIDAY Quantum of Solace, ITV1, 10.35pm

to the head of an ecological corporation, who is plotting to orchestrate a coup in a Latin American country to get his hands on a precious natural resource. Spy thriller sequel, starring Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Judi Dench, Gemma Arterton and

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Pick of the Week

Nigella returns to dish up another tasty treat

he's been off our screens for a while now, but it's probably fair to say that Nigella Lawson has inspired a whole new generation of eager cooks – whether they would be mostly of the male variety because of her, shall we say, descriptive methods of demonstration is purely speculation.

Through her endless well-hought-out telly offerings and a number of recipe books over the years, Nigella has given us reason to stop cowering behind our cheesecake when meal-time conversation inevitably turns to who will be the next poor soul to host

This time around, in Nigellissima (Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm), the cook is presenting a guide to Italian cuisine, keen to demonstrate how traditional and exciting meals needn't be a chore to knock up, and can actually use ingredients that

are widely available in most supermarkets. It seems like we're fast running out of excuses for slobbing out on the sofa and ordering takeaways.

The kitchen set in which she will The kitchen set in which she will be working her magic has been purposely built and modelled entirely on her own kitchen at home, so she's bound to be a dab-hand, right? Not that that was ever in doubt.

in doubt.

She recently explained, on her website blog, the reasons for building a replica kitchen for the programme, rather than simply using her own; "I love my new kitchen and would have loved to film in it. But with one child doing GCSEs, another AS exams and yet another At-evels, it would not have been a good idea – or even possible. So we built a copy of my kitchen on set and it feels just like home."

That's just as well because Nigella prides herself on her home-cooking being suitable for bringing together even the busiest of families.

But what has inspired her to choose Italian food to base this latest series around? This isn't Nigella's first taste of the country, rageiras instraise of the country, as she explains: When I went to live in Italy when young, I said I'd do anything but clean lavatories; as a chambermaid in Florence, that is what I ended up doing! But I also learned about real Italian food, and by the time I'd left I had found my spiritual and gastronomic home.

"I wanted to make a series of my "I wanted to make a series of my sort of Italian food, inspired by the ethos and the ingredients, but fused with the way we live our lives, here, in the UK. I care about ease and accessibility, but I care most about passion and taste – and it is these crucial Italian factors I want to bring to the table and the television!"

And first up on the menu is Sicilian pasta with tomatoes. Sicilian pasta with tomatoes, garlic and almonds, a family feast of tagliata and Tuscan fries, and a fiery egg dish designed for late night parties... so good we car almost taste it.

Welcome back Nigella



Nigella Lawson presents Nigellissima, Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Come September, the nights might be showing signs of drawing in all too early, and the kids sights of drawing in an too early, and the kids might by whinging about starting school again, but in broadcasting terms, for ITV it means it's the start of a brand new season of fantastic dramas. Of course this latest offering from the en of Tony Marchant has been no exception. His dramas aren't known for being light-hearted, cheery affairs; the more taboo the better, and he outdid himself with this three-parter. Alas, like all good things, it must come to an end. In this final nstalment. Maxine visits Aaron to ask him to

THESDAY

BBC1, 9pm ITV1 will soon be bringing us Mr Selfridge, but the BBC has just pipped them to the post in the department store-related-drama stakes with this new series. Based on the novel by Emile Zola. but transported to the north of 19th-century England, it tells the tale of Denise Lovett (Joanna Vanderham), an ambitious country girl who takes a job in Britain's first department store. She soon finds herself falling in love with both the opulent surroundings and the dashing, reckless owner John Moray (Emun Elliott). With Sarah Lancashire and Patrick Malahide also among the cast. The Paradise looks like a very classy establishment.

OFF BEDROOMS

The Boy Who Can't Forget

Channel 4, 9pm
Leaving your teenage years behind can be daunting enough – heading into your twenties brings with it a certain sense of responsibility after all. Imagine on top of all that possessing the as-yet inexplicable talent of being able to recall years-old memories in such a detailed fashion that you're considered a phenomenon. Twenty-year-old Audrelien knows it only too well, and is the first Briton to go public with the unbelievable trait. Aurelien is put to the test by eight-time world memory champion Dominic O'Brien, and examined by memory expert Professor Giuliana Mazzoni. This ability is known as superior autobiographical memory – but just how can seemingly ordinary people have such power that we didn't believe it possible humans could possess?

WEDNESDAY Who Do You Think You Are?

BBC1, 9pm Over the past 50 plus years Coronation Street has been more than just an ITV serial. Like fish and chips and Blackpool rock, it's been part of British life, and at the heart of it, one man: Ken Barlow. Taking a break from Weatherfield, William Roache delves into his family's history for episode seven of the hit genealogy show. It proves to

be an emotional journey for the veteran actor as he discovers revelations about his grandfather, Albert; why his mum Hester left Blackpool when she was three months old, and how his family was held together by his grandmother, Zillah Waddicor, Plus, he also discovers his great-grandad's 'shocking' business which helped Victorian clients on Blacknool's seafront

Drugs Live: The Ecstasy Trial Channel 4, 10pm One imagines that if any TV programme were to

carry the caveat of 'don't try this at home', it's this one. Presented by Dr Christian Jessen and Jon Snow, this revealing documentary really does do exactly what it says on the tin – the hosts invite a range of volunteers into a controlled environment where they will take MDMA (the purest form of Ecstasy). They will be monitored, of course – scientists David Nutt

and Val Curran are on-hand to explore the effects, side-effects and THURSDAY

ITV1, 9pm The X Factor may

ITV1's drama output has been quietly excelling over the past month or so. The channel has brought us Mrs Biggs, A Mother's Son, Leaving and The Bletchley Circle, and this promising new series looks set to keep up the standard. With an impressive cast, it focuses standard, with an impressive death, in locuses on a group of military wives who are struggling to keep the home fires burning while their husbands are serving overseas. The first episode reminds us of what's at stake as Tasha (Anthonia Thomas) discovers her husband Matt has been killed in action. Claire (Claire Skinner) faces her first big test as she discovers that being the fiancée of Major Pete Bartham (Greg Wise) brings with it certain

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Denise Welch

ITV1, 9pm Actress Denise Welch first shot to fame in Soldier Soldier and Coronation Street, but if the press reports can be believed, at times she's seemed like a one-woman soap opera. Not only have viewers got used to seeing her chatting frankly on shows such as Loose Women and Celebrity Big Brother - which she won earlier this year – but various aspects of her personal life have been splashed across the papers as well. So, we should probably expect a very candid edition of Life Stories as she talks to Piers about her decision to announce the end of her 24-year marriage to fellow actor Tim Healy live on TV, as well as her recent engagement to toyboy Lincoln Towney.



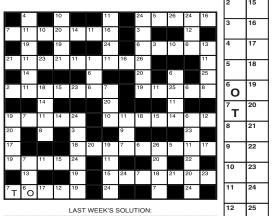


Brain Gym

No.187

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- Across 1. It's no good, being
- despondent (8) 5. Customs applications (4)
- 9. Thought I'd get an early start (4)
- 10. A greedy animal in many a wood (8)
- 11. Cheap cuts? (5)
- 12. Result of heavenly intervention? (7)
- 13. If they work, they help the rest (8,5)
- 18. Surprise shots in a melee (8)
- 19. Ridicules the tent supports (4)
- 20. Such twins were once inseparable (7)
- 21. Non-clerical people have a song about it (5)
- 22. Call for a napkin? (4)
- 23. Moneylender's overtures? (8)

- Down 2. It could be first or second (7)
- 3. Model, formerly fat? (7)
- 4. Disagree in a capital way (5,4,4)
- 6. Knife that is a brave trophy to the Spanish (7)
- 7. It's shown by a person who's retiring (7)
- 8. Put away the chart and attend (4,2)

Across

21. Odd (5)

22. Air (4)

- 13. Possibly spares around Rumania's capital are more scarce (7)
- 14. Board transport in the middle of a violent rainstorm (7)
- 15. Written in captivity
- 16. It's inherent in cereal (7)
- 17. Worn in early life, yet late perhaps (7)

Quick Clues: Down

- 1. Finished (8) 2. Speech (7) 5. Deeds (4) 3. Exact (7)
- 9. Labyrinth (4) 4. Garrulity (13)
- **10.** Estrange (8) 6. Of the skull (7) 11. Polite (5)
- 7 Landscape (7) **12.** Reviling (7)
- 13. On purpose (13) 8. Come back (6)
- 18. In company (8) 13. Opening anthem (7)
- 19. Cheek (4) **14.** Screw up (7) 20. Result (7)
 - 15. Idea (6)
 - 16. Postpone (7)
 - **17.** Unruly (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 all the digits from 1 to 9.



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIIC - Across: 1 Airing: 4 Eiring: 9 Rousing
chorus: 10 Everest: 11 Robin; 12 Steps: 14 Stair;
18 Lower: 19 Subject: 21 Steering wheel: 22
Relays; 23 Usages. Down: 1 Agreed; 2 Roulette
wheel; 3 Naive; 5 Inherit: 6 Hard-boiled egg; 7
Rising: 8 Agate; 13 Portray; 15 Closer; 16 Using;
17 Sillis; 20 Bowls. OUICK - Across: 1 Plight; 4
Pamper; 9 Expostulation; 10 Torment; 11 Dwell;
12 Quell; 14 Unfit; 18 Urban; 19 Recline; 21
Subject-matter; 22 Events; 23 Starry. Down: 1
Plenty; 2 Imperturbable; 3 Haste; 5 Abandon; 6
Prime Minister; 7 Rankle; 8 Rusty; 13 Lenient; 15
Pursue; 16 Trite; 17 Hearty; 20 Chart.

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THE Poplars Nursing Home maintains strong links with Birmingham City University. Students regularly take placements at the home. After a six-week placement, one student wrote: "I have learned so much from everyone and the residents have been amazing. You do a spec-

HEN Eric was discharged from hospital into a nursing home the prospects were bleak.

The 71-year-old former steelworker was in constant agony after a skin graft to help heal an ulcerated leg began to break down.

And the situation was compounded by problems on the skin harvest site and gangrene in both his feet. "I was a mess. There was not a day I did not cry. I was in pain, even though I was on high doses of morphine," he says.

Today, after 18 months of diligent care by the staff at Poplars Nursing Home in Smethwick, Eric is starting to make plans to return to live with his wife Linda in their Harborne home. He is living proof of the consummate nursing skill which is delivered daily at the home in South Road.

"I had circulation problems, a bad ulcer and I ended up in the City Hospital. I was never without pain, but now I have no pain at all really. Occasionally I still get pain but I only have to take paracetamol, he adds. Eric is

quick to show how he can now manage his own physiotherapy regime, sitting on the bed and pulling his feet towards his waist.

'You see this (he reaches for his leg). I couldn't do this before and all I want now is to get back home. I need some adaptations, but I can manage my wheelchair and transfer into bed on my own. The council says I'm entitled to a grant to get the work done and I'm waiting hear where we are on that."

Poplars manager Gill Williams says his clinical success story is because of the home's excellent multi-discipliniary approach and its close working relationship with doctors, physiotherapists and nutritionist. "Eric is remarkable. He was very, very poorly

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Manager Gill Williams



One of the Poplars' bedrooms, with profiling bed and the dining area

rsing Eric -

when he first came to us but with care diligence. nursing skill and first-class support from the home's doctor, he is now planning to go home.

Inspections

"This is an unusual, but very happy outcome for our home. In ten years I have known only two people return to the community. It's nothing short of joyous.

"He has shown real courage and determination and worked with us to achieve these goals. What's more, he still has legs and feet," adds Gill.

Poplars has performed excellently during Care Quality Commission inspections and under the old auditing system consistently achieved the top three-

star ratings. The 35-bed home prides itself on its family-centric ethos and encourages relatives to be involved in the care planning and evaluation of their loved-ones. It vigorously embraces a dietary wellbeing programme, caters for all nutritional needs and continues to enjoy a top kitchen work practices rating by Environmental Health inspectors.

"For many people, this is their last home so it needs to be special. Our aims are simple: To make residents' time with us comfortable and happy, to enhance their life quality, to promote independence, to maintain privacy and dignity and along the way share a generous amount of laughter and love," adds Gill.

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The rear garden at the home in Marshall Crescent, Wordsley, which is on the market for £284,950

A SUBSTANTIAL detached centres. On the ground floor the guest family home with six bed-cloakroom has a WC and corner wash family home with six bed-rooms and two en suite shower rooms in Marshall Crescent, Wordsley, is for sale priced at £284,950.

Some four years old the property which is described as being immaculately presented throughout, has front garden, driveway, garage and a rear garden with patio and lawns beyond.

It is also within easy reach of the centre of Kingswinford with its wide range of shops, restaurants and other amenities, with major transport routes connecting the surrounding West Mid-lands business and commercial basin, and there is a utility cupboard with plumbing for an automatic washing machine.

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The lounge, 21ft 3in by 11ft 3in, has double doors to the separate dining room measuring 11ft 5in by 10ft 2in, while the fitted kitchen - 10ft 7in by 8ft 4in - has a range of units with one-and-a-half bowl sink drainer with mixer tap, integrated dishwasher, four ring gas hob with stainless steel cooker bood, stainless steel over and space for ood, stainless steel oven and space for fridge/freezer.

On the first floor bedroom one, 13ft 4in by 11ft 4in, has an en suite

shower cubicle, pedestal wash basin and WC, and there are two more bedrooms, a study and bathroom with white suite of panelled bath, pedestal wash basin and WC.

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MAZDA is building on the success of its MX-5 GT4 race car in the Avon Tyres British GT Championship by building customer MX-5 GT4 race cars

to order for the 2013 season.
Earlier this month at Snetterton, the Mazda MX-5 GT4 finished on the podium again with a second place, demonstrating that this car is a real title contender

Built by Jota Sport, the Mazda MX-5 GT4, weighing in at 1,000kg, will cost £125,000, excluding VAT, and is now available to order for the 2013 season.

The car will benefit from further development during 2012 and will be a

fully homologated car for GT4 racing.

Powered by an MZR two-litre turbo unit, the MX-5 GT4 produces 320bhp and will come ready to race. The Maxda MX-5 GT4 features a fully prepared shell with FIA spec roll

cage, carbon fibre doors, front splitter, rear diffuser and rear wing as stan-Inside the MX-5 GT4 has a carbon

fibre dash and centre console, Pi Omega D2 display and data logger and a six-speed sequential gearbox with paddle shift as standard. The Mazda MX-5 GT4 will be eligible

for numerous domestic and continen-tal GT & GT4 championships through-

out the world.

Sam Hignett, managing director of Jota Group, says: "We have spent the

season getting the car to the front of

"We started from the base of last year's GT car and set ourselves the aim of finishing the 2012 season with a car that would be competitive in GT4. "At this stage in the season we are

very pleased with the progress and believe any team buying the MX-5 GT4 will have a potential winner ready to

"The car is an easy car to race and would even suit track day enthusiasts. We are still developing the car, but we are now at a point that we can offer this car to customers safe in the knowledge that it is going to be a front runner in any GT4 field."









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Vanquish super GT is on a whistle-stop tour

THE new Aston Martin Vanquish super GT is hitting the road in the UK this week as it embarks on an ambitious whistle-stop tour of the luxury brand's 21 dealerships nationwide.

The exceptional sports car, an impressive new halo for the Aston Martin range, left the brand's global HQ at Gaydon in Warwickshire bound for the recently redeveloped Aston Martin Works dealership in nearby Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, and its first ston. and its first stop.

and its first stop.
Aston fans keen to catch a glimpse of
the new £190,000 super GT actually on
the road will have to wait a little longer,
though, as the display car touring dealerships is travelling from city to city in
a specially-created truck complete with

exclusive Aston Martin Vanquish tecture as well as the new AM11 6.0-

branding.
The brief tour, which includes exclusive invitation-only customer preview events at Aston Martin dealerships sive invitation-only customer preview events at Aston Martin dealerships around the country where guests have the chance to see the Vanquish close up, discuss its many technical and styling highlights and place an order for the new car, comes just ahead of the car's global media launch which takes place within weeks.

Visiting dealerships as far afield as Edinburgh to the north and Jersey in the south, the whirlwind tour takes place over just 26 days and will see the new super GT clock up thousands of miles on UK roads – in its bespoke chauffeured truck, of course.

Those lucky enough to see the Vanquish during its tour will preview a new Aston Martin featuring the next generation of the renowned VH archi-

tecture as well as the new AM11 6.0-litre V12 engine that is considerably more potent than before.

With 573PS available at 6,750rpm, 620Nm of torque at 5,500rpm, a 0-62mph time of 4.1 seconds and a top speed of 183mph the Vanquish is, clearly, a fully paid-up member of the supercar club.

Yet as well as more power and performance, the Vanquish is also a practical grand tourer. Improvements such as a newly-designed and significantly

tical grand tourer. Improvements such as a newly-designed and significantly more spacious cabin and a boot that, at 368 litres, is more than 60 per cent larger than that of the DBS, see to that. Meanwhile the new car's stunning design represents the latest take on

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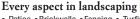
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Hales in form as season looms

Loughborough Town 1
Old Halesonians 4
OLD HALESONIANS
men's hockey firsts continued their pre-season preparations in good form with a 4-1 friendly win over Loughborough Town.

borough Town.

A strong side travelled to
Leicestershire, and the team
performed well throughout
as they controlled the game.

Tom Bulteel was first on

the scoresheet as dominant Hales were awarded a Hales were awarded a penalty stroke after a deliberate foul inside the 'D'.

erate foul inside the 'D'.
Bulteel made it 1-0 as he
flicked the ball into the net
and doubled his tally before
half-time when his drag flick
found its way past the
Loughborough defenders on
the line.
Despite a small searc of a

the line.

Despite a small scare of a comeback early on in the second period, Hales kept control of the game, winning many of the 50/50 chances.

Loughborough grabbed a goal back, but their chances goal back, but their chances were short-lived when Paul Harrold restored the two-goal lead for Hales when he tapped the ball in from close

Tom Durnford was able to make it a comfortable 4-1 win before the end, when his bobbling shot found its way past the home team's goal-keeper.

Old Halesonians 2 Erdington 2

Old Halesonians 2 Erdington 2
In a closely contested
game, Old Hales Ladies
firsts managed a draw
against Erdington in the
Tunnicliffe League.
The improving Old Hales
side grabbed goals from
Bernie O'Grady and Sam
Donlon, but were unable to

Donlon, but were unable to find a winner before the final whistle.

Old Halesonians 3

Old Halesonians 3
West Bromwich 1
Old Halesonians men's seconds fielded a very young team, who ran the show at Great Park.

Great Park.

Despite going a goal down early on, Hales kept their composure and stayed with the game-plan.

Goals from Ash Greaves and Nathan Whitehouse took the home side into the lead, and newly appointed second team captain Mark Rigby made it 3-1.

West Bromwich 0

Old Halesonians 4

The men's fourths never

Girls on cloud nine in high-scoring game

Halas Hawks U15 9 Bustleholme U15 6 A new-look under-15 girls had a number of players making their debut, but in a high-scoring game it was the ever reliable Amy Blake-more who scored eight. The ninth goal came from Kayleigh Pomfrett who was one of the girls debuting.

Boys League West Hagley U9 1 Halas Hawks North U9 1

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The second half saw West
Hagley go ahead with a penalty but
Alex Tierney made it a draw.
It ingsley 0 by U9 2
Halas Hawks East U9 2
Halas Howe East U9 2
Halas the west of the lead through
Luke Nock but the home side then
scored two goals before a strike
from James Knight in the second
half tied the match up. Man of the
match was Ethan Daly.
Halas Hawks East U10 1

Halas Hawks East U10 1

Trysull Tigers U10 3
The under-10s East took the

lead against Trysull through Jack Plant but Trysull stepped up a few gears to take the game 3-1. Man of the match went to Harry Beasley. Sedgley Scorpions U11 0
Halas Hawks West U11 3
The under-11s West had their third straight win to take them to the top. Goals came from Callum Brownhill (2) and Harvin Suthi. Stouthridge Athletic U14 2
Halas Hawks U14 4
The under-14s recorded their

The under-14s recorded their first win of the season with a gutsy hard-fought victory at Stourbridge

Athletic. Halas took an early lead through Callum Hudson but Stourbridge fought back to go 2-1 up. Halas drew level with another from Hudson and in the second half Halas were rewarded when Jake Macdonald put them in front. There was a fourth goal from man of the match Conner Fisher. Halas Hawks UI 5 3 Legion Lions UI 5 1 Legion Lions took the lead in the second half before Liam Holmes put Halas back in the game.

put Halas back in the game. Charlie Bagley made it 2-1 and Dominic Hipkiss sealed the win with a third

Halas Hawks U16 3
Wordsley Wasps U16 0
A perfect left-foot, right-foot, header hat-trick from Dan Willetts was the difference as the under-16s won their first match of the season against Wordlsey Wasps.
Halas Hawks U18 4 Wombourne U18 1
A very comfortable performance from the under-18s saw them steam into a 2-0 lead against Wombourne. The second half saw Wombourne. The second half saw Wombourne get a consolation penalty bourne get a consolation penalty but Halas scored two more to end up clear winners at 4-1 of the match went to Daniel Jennings.

Third.

Screamer Willings at 4-1. Goal with the reaction of the match went to Daniel Jennings.

Thirds sealed the will up clear willners at 4-1. Goal will be reaction.

Hillsdon, Adam Hodges and a screamer from Sam Kirk.

Corbett on mark. but Yeltz are held

Biggleswade Town 2 Halesowen Town 2 HALESOWEN threw away a two-goal lead in the FA Vase against a team which

remains unbeaten at home.

Ben Haseley scored his eighth goal of the season to give the Yeltz the lead on 40 minutes

minutes.

He produced a great
header from 12 yards out
after a good cross by Craig
Milligan.

Luke Corbett, who
recently signed from
Evesham, got his first goal
for Halesowen just before
half-time when he headed in
a corner from Nathanial a corner from Nathaniel Caines.

Connest almost got his second and Halesowen's third on 50 minutes with a shot which hit the Big-gleswade bar. The home team then forced their way back into the game through the efforts of Jamie Arlick.

He scored with a near-post header on 56 minutes and promptly levelled the scores two minutes later with a tap-in following a goalmouth scramble. scramble.

The entertainment con The entertainment con-tinued, with Paul Evans making two good saves for Halesowen and Jean Michel Gueyes, Haseley and Corbett all going close for the visitors. But the dead-lock could not be broken.

Experience tells as Bs are beaten

Bustleholme O Bilston Town 4 THE difference between youth and experience was there for all to see in this FA

there for all to see in this FA
Vase encounter.

Bilston controlled the
tempo of the game with the
only surprise being that it
took them until the 25th
minute to score the first goal
of the game.

of the game. It came when Matt Curley headed in unchallenged at the far post.
Bilston continued on the

front foot and hit the wood-work twice before Bustle-

work twice before Bustleholme old-boy Nicky Turton made it 2-0 following a mixup between Max Whitehouse and Phil Ellerby. Fifteen minutes from time, Lee Onions tapped in the third and substitute Mitchell Fellows wrapped things up with a low drive to send Bilston into the next round.

Peter is a puzzle for boss as Baggies fall

Fulham 3 Albion 0

who was one of the girls debuting. Halas Hawks U17 3 Droitwich U17 2 The under-17 girls had a tough opener. But just before half-time, pressure from Liz McAleenan resulted in a first goal for the team from Elisha Rose. The second half

was all Halas with two further goals from Kelly Gorman and McAleenan. Player of the match

BAGGIES boss Steve Clarke now knows all about defeat as a boss.

knows all about defeat as a boss. And he's also encountered an enduring conundrum for Albion gaffers.

How to solve a problem like Peter is a riddle that occupied the minds of Roberto Di Matteo and Roy Hodgson during their time at The Hawthorns, terites Steve Madeley. After Peter Odemwingie's moment of idiocy left his Baggies side powerless to stem the Fulham tide, Clarke will be in no doubt that, for all the striker's intelligent charm and match-winning potency, he can be a high-maintenance character to manage. For a man so bright, likable and exciting, Odemwingie possesses a capacity for daftness that is difficult to fathom.

As he reflected on a vexed afternoon at Craven Cottage, Clarke was the latest man left to ponder how to best utilise a man

left to ponder how to best utilise a man capable of thrilling and frustrating in almost equal measure. Indiscretion

While Saturday's indiscretion was the first offence of violence on his Albion record, Odemwingie's fragile state of mind often caused Di Matteo and Hodgson to scratch their heads just as Clarke was doubtless doing at the weekend.

His vicious kick at Sascha Riether six minutes before half-time gave referee Roger East with no alternative but to brandish a red card.

And it left his team-mates and boss to con-

And it left his team-mates and boss to contemplate not just the match that they lost in the West London sunshine, but also the game that might have unfolded had Albion's most prolific goalscorer of the Premier League era retained his cool.

A Fulham side inspired by the sublime coaxing of home debutant Dimitar Berbatov might well have proved an irresistible force even for an Albion side with a full complement of players. The frustration for Clarke and his players is that they never got the



Peter Odemwingie's moment of madness brings an inevitable red card

opportunity to find out with Odemwingie's dismissal proving to be the moment that turned the game the Cottagers' way.

By the time the Baggies striker reacted to By the time the Baggies striker reacted to Riether nipping at his ankles by hacking at the German's nether regions, Clarke's side were already 1-0 down thanks to a goal from the best player on view with Berbatov bending home a 15-yard shot after a tricky run from Alexander Kacaniklic.

And with that dangerous due a constant

run from Alexander Kacaniklic.

And with that dangerous duo a constant thorn in Albion's side along with the eyecatching right-flank duo of Riether and Damien Duff, Clarke's men were clearly second favourites by the time Odemwingie took the long walk back to the tunnel.

The Baggies were flat compared to their previous three Premier League games. They had surrendered too much ground to Martin Jol's fired-up team. Yet they were still in touch with enough moments of promise to

suggest that, given a fair wind, they could trouble their hosts.

James Morrison had stung the hands of home keeper Mark Schwarzer with a fine 10th-minute shot and only a key interception by Brede Hangeland had denied Shane Long a tap-in before Kacaniklic and Berbatov combined for the opener. Hangeland blocked again to thwart Jonas Olsson in a goalmouth scramble.

Odemwingie pressed the self-destruct

Odemwingie pressed the self-destruct button when he lashed out inexplicably at Riether and Billy Jones was caught in the blast as he fouled Kacaniklic clumsily in stoppage-time with Berbatov converting the penalty to all but end the game as a contest. All that remained for Clarke to hope for

was a response of spirit and character from his squad and, typically, it came as they refused to cave in during the second half despite the knowledge that their cause was

pretty hopeless. They struggled to land a meaningful blow on their hosts after the interval but they refused to stay on the canvas with Ben Foster especially impressive, making a string of smart saves to prevent more serious damage.

A moment of realisation as Odemwingie trudges off

Only after 89 minutes and a couple of half-chances for an Albion consolation did Fulham breach the Baggies' defences for a third time as they struck on the break with Pajtim Kasami's cross-shot parried by Foster and Rodallega's header striking the post before Steve Sidwell swivelled to blast home the final goal home the final goal.

nome the innai goal.

It left Clarke to experience a new set of emotions as his unbeaten start to life at the helm was brought to an end in his fifth game. And it gave the Albion boss a dual challenge for the days ahead – rallying his troops, and dealing with the Baggies' troops, and d biggest enigma.

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The men's fourths never looked like losing as they strolled to an easy 4-0 win against West Brom.

Despite having no substitutes, the visitors took advantage of their chances, with goals from Scott

with goals from Scott Thorpe, Joe Taylor, Nic Penn and Deck Glaze.



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Peter puzzle Odemwingie sees red in first defeat Page 35



Straight eight Amy's goal glut helps the Hawks fly high

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Haseley has goals in the bag

Halesowen Town 4
Biggleswade Town 1
HOT-SHOT Ben Haseley
bagged another four goals to
fire Halesowen into the next
round of the FA Trophy.
Halesowen looked hungry
in this replay under the rejuvenating guidance of the
interim management team

in this replay under the rejuvenating guidance of the interim management team of Colin Brookes, Pete Denham and Neil Barnfield. But Biggleswade also showed their intentions on Tuesday night. Hit-man Haseley took advantage of slack defending to neatly tuck the ball inside the post and put the Yeltz ahead in the 40th minute. Haseley doubled Halesowen's lead just before the interval and then became a hat-trick hero in the 53rd minute. He capitalised on heistancy in the visitors' defence to nip in, round the keeper and score.

The Waders pulled a goal back after 78 minutes as Brett Donnelley smacked the ball home following a spell of pressure..

But Halesowen were in no mood to let their advantage slip.

Haseley lashed home his

mood to let their advantage slip.
Haseley lashed home his fourth of the night and 12th of the season in the 84th minute to record a long awaited FA competition win.
Halesowen Town: P Evans; Lycett, Caines, Brooks, Kelly, Milligan (Smith 77), Steane (Datley 87), Barnfield (p. Corbett, Haseley (D. Evans 85), Gueyes. Subs not used: Drake, Biodleswade Town: McFitzeart.

Flower.

Biggleswade Town: McEntegart;
O'Brien, Clifford, Gatti, Gentle (c),
Allinson, Daniel, Reynolds (Knight 59),
Donnelly, Artlick, Woolf (Mason 59).

Subs not used: Green, Taylor.

Referee: Joe Clark (Walsall).

Attendance: 115.

Juniors show commitment

FOR the fourth year in succession, junior swimmers from Halesowen Swimming Club reached the final of the Nuneaton Junior League Division One.

They entered the final in sixth place but showed plenty of commitment to finish fifth on the night.

Mark Laing and Ben

finish fifth on the night.

Mark Laing and Ben
Meakin won the butterfly
and freestyle events with
Euan Vaughan-Hawkins in
the backstroke and Jack
Simpson in the freestyle.

Meakin and Simpson were
joined by James Cuthbert
and Jakob Baker to win both
the freestyle and medley
relays for 11-year-old boys.

Result: Boldmere A 215pts,
Northampton A 202 Leloester Sharks
196, Reddich 165, Halesowen 151,
Lelcester Penguins 140.

Hot-shot Last-day Old Hill victory keeps team in league

Old Hill 249-2 dec, Whitchurch 133.
Old Hill won by 116 runs
OLD HILL took a last-day victory and dodged the drop from Division One of the Birmingham League.
Instead it was Coventry and NW who joined long-doomed Whitchurch.
Winning the toss at Whitchurch, Old Hill captain Dan Cox elected to bat. The visitors made a fine start, putting 77 runs on the board before losing Mike Hingley (28).
Batting at No.3, Dimitri Ratnayake (79 not out) joined Nitesh Patel (113) for the

not out) joined Nitesh Patel (113) for the crucial stand before the latter fell lbw.

With the score at 227-2, Jack Shantry

Old Hill Cricket Club

added an unbeaten 10 as Cox declared on 249-2 with 52 overs gone.

If Old Hill had opened impressively, Whitchurch initially matched them. The openers put on 80 before losing their first wicket. The visitors' second-wicket pairing had pushed their score through the 200 barrier – and Old Hill feared that Whitchurch might do the same.

But some autstanding bowling from

But some outstanding bowling from Dimitri Ratnayake (5-42 off 13.1 overs) and Jack Shantry (3-25 off 14 overs) destroyed any chance Whitchurch had of making the

250 required to claim the win. They were dismissed for 133 as Old Hill took their last, and most crucial, victory of the 2012 season.

Old Hill 169-6, Walsall 158.

Old Hill 169-6, Walsall 158.
Old Hill won by 11 runs
At their home ground for the final time this season, Old Hill seconds won a tight match after losing the toss and batting first.
The home team made a hard rod for themselves in losing their opening batsmen having barely reached double figures.
They were immediately on the back foot and had to start playing some clever cricket to at least make for a reasonable total for the visitors to try and reach. However, the

middle order rose to the challenge with Abrush Ali hitting 52 not out and Dan Brosnan making 40. They helped take Old Hill to 169-6 of 50 overs.

Walsall, in reply, made a healthy start to their innings and it was their own middle order that had difficulty in scoring.

However, they rallied well and it was down to Mitchell Jeffery (3-32 off 6.3 overs) to take the final wicket and leave the visitors with a final score of 158 all out with Matthius Treuberg (4-38 off 15 overs) the other major wicket-taker.

This was a very close game and one

This was a very close game and one worthy of the last match of the season.

Heathens pick the Potters in play-offs

DUDLEY HEATHENS will face neighbours and rivals Stoke in the National League play-off semi finals

League play-off semi finals over the next two Tuesdays. The former Cradley club, who raced their home meetings at Stoke in 1996, finished top of the league and announced their choice at 10pm last night.

Dudley will stage the first leg at Monmore Green on Tuesday, September 25.
And in a change of racenight for the Potters,

Fixtures
Tuesday, September 25: Dudley to be, play-off semi-final first leg

Stoke, play-off semi-final first leg, 7.30pm, **Tuesday**, **October 2:** Stoke v **Dudley**, play-off semi-final second leg, 7.30pm, **Tuesday**, **October 23:** Dudley v **Mildenhall**, **Knockout Cup final**, 7.30pm, **Mildenhall** (eg of the cup final has yet to be arranged.

they will host the Loomer Road return on Tuesday, October 2.
Heathens chairman Nige Pearson said: "Once we made the decision to select Stoke as our opposition we started talking to Dave Tattum, promoter, about potential dates.
"We went there in July to fill a gap in their fixture schedule and in return it was agreed that any play-off clash would be staged on nights where there are no clashes with Premier League fixtures.
"If we were to go to Stoke on a Saturday it may well have ruled Ashley Morris out, because he would have been riding for Workington.
"But with two Tuesdays, it means both sides can be at full strength which we feel is only fair to the fans.
He said he was sure all fans would travel to support.

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ILL BE HA O REPLACE — BOSS

STEVE CLARKE is planning talks with Albion chairman Jeremy Peace to discuss the club's new sporting director after admitting Dan Ashworth will leave a "big hole to fill".

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The Baggies head coach is keen to offer his views to chairman Peace on the hunt for Ashworth's successor, after the 41-year-old was chosen by the FA as their new director of elite development. He is set to leave next summer and Clarke has mixed feelings. He said: "I'm

summer and Clarke has m delighted for Dan.

"It's a great honour for him to be approached by the FA and asked to do that job.

"But, from a club point of view and a selfish point of view, it will be a big hole for the club to fill.

"Thoy have already.

the club to fill.

"They have already started looking at candidates and we will work on that and try to do as good a job as we can and replace Dan as well as we can.
"I haven't sat down yet with the chairman, so I will find some time to do that and discuss it with him.

Help

Help

"We have a busy spell of games coming up and there is no immediate rush for it, because the move won't be immediate."

immediate.

"But I would like to sit down with Dan and the chairman and discuss the way forward.

chairman and unsease way forward.

"The FA want him in position as soon as they can and Dan has to help the club make the transition from his era to a new era. We will work together to make sure it's as smooth as possible."

Clarke is the fourth Albian boss to work along-

Clarke is the fourth Albion boss to work along-side Ashworth and he believes the 41-year-old's personality has helped make him successful in the previously controversial sporting director's role. Clarke said: "It is down to

by Steve Madeley

honesty. He tells me every-thing he's doing, he tells me all I need to know and he's very open and honest. We have open discussions and that's the best way to make it work

that's the best way to make it work.

"He has his area of expertise and the club employ a head coach, who has his area of expertise.

"The two should work side by side. In the short space of time I have worked with Dan, that has been the exee."

case."

Meanwhile, Albion hope to welcome back Steven Reid for Saturday's home clash with Reading – but Clarke has handed stand-in full-back Billy Jones a vote of confidence. Reid hopes to shake off his hamstring injury after missing Saturday's 3-0 defeat at Fulham.

Jones suffered a torrid

Jones suffered a torrid afternoon against Alexander Kacaniklic at Craven Cottage, but head coach Clarke said: "You've got to give credit to his opponent." He added: "There are many different factors that go into a team performance and I certainly wouldn't point any finger at Billy Jones. Until he conceded the penalty you wouldn't have said Billy was having a bad game."

Tom takes on students to score



Tom Bulteel, front, was on the mark for Old Halesonians hockey club men's firsts as they took a 4-1 friendly victory over Loughborough Town. Reports – Page 35

Tipton flower in Vase

Stafford Town 0 Tipton 3
TIPTON TOWN eased into the next round of the FA Vase with a convincing win at Stafford Town.

In the opening 20 minutes neither side threatened to open the scoring with much of the play confined to midfield.

But Tipton scored with the first shot of the game in the 22nd minute when Matt Martin cut in from the left and hit a shot from 40 yards over Richard Stone and into the top corner. Tipton inflicted another blow six minutes later. With home defender Ben Henderson off the field receiving treatment, a ball into Stafford's penalty area bobbled up and hit a defender's arm.

Atthough it appeared accidental the referee.

defender's arm.

Although it appeared accidental the referee awarded a penalty which was coolly converted by Mitch Plows who sent Stone the wrong way.

Stone saved well from Nathan Waite who turned and shot just inside the area, but Stone was beaten again in the 37th minute when Plows curled his shot into the net.

his shot into the net. Stafford were better in the second half, but could

go no closer than Ishmale Reid's shot against the inside of the post.







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